

# Alongside Midwifery Unit: Labour Ward/Delivery Area Log



Date and time form started:   /   /     :   24hr Site Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete one form for every 24 hour period.

If the unit is closed for the whole 24 hour period, tick this box  and leave the rest of the form blank

## 1. Please fill in details of women and midwifery staff present in the unit at 9am and 9pm

Number of women					Number of midwives and support staff					
Time	In established labour	Delivered and awaiting transfer to PN ward or home	Other women (for obs., triage etc, but <b>not</b> AN or PN care)	Total women at specified time	Core AMU/LW Midwives	Midwives from other areas	Bank Midwives	Agency Midwives	Total Maternity Support Workers (includes Health Care Assistants)	Total Midwives (excluding Maternity Support Workers)
At 9.00am*										
At 9.00pm*										

\* Complete **just before** handover/work allocation if meeting takes place at this time

## 2. Please fill in numbers of women in the unit during the 12 hour time period indicated

Number of women				
Time interval between	All women admitted (include transfers in)	Transferred in (from other areas of the hospital)	Transferred out (to other areas of the hospital)	All women discharged (include transfers out)
9pm - 9am				
9am - 9pm				

Please place completed form in **Birthplace in-tray/folder** in Labour and Delivery Area or **return to Local Coordinating Midwife**

# Information about Labour Ward/Delivery Area Log completion



## What is Birthplace?

Birthplace is a programme of research designed to compare outcomes of births planned at home, in different types of midwifery units, and in hospital units with obstetric services. Birthplace combines the Evaluation of Maternity Units in England (EMU) research programme funded by the NIHR Service Delivery and Organisation (SDO) Programme, and the Birth at Home study, funded by the Department of Health's Policy Research Programme.

It will evaluate outcomes for women and babies at low risk of complications at the start of labour in a range of planned places of birth in England. A range of techniques will be used to collect and analyse data about processes, outcomes and costs associated with different clinical locations for birth and for different systems of care, including organisational factors.

## Who is running Birthplace?

Birthplace was designed by a multi-disciplinary collaborative group of maternity care researchers, health professionals and service users. This group is responsible for the design and governance of the programme. The day-to-day research work is co-ordinated by the NPEU in Oxford.

## Labour ward/Delivery log Data Collection

Staffing is a key issue in maternity care provision. At the same time as collecting data on individual women all the midwifery and obstetric units participating in Birthplace are being asked to complete a **Labour Ward/Delivery Area Log** twice a day. This will enable the researchers to investigate the link between staffing levels, workload and outcomes.

**Section 1)** concerns the numbers of women cared for and the numbers of midwifery staff available at two points in time: 9am and 9pm. Please keep to these times if possible, +/- 30 minutes is fine. Do not include women receiving antenatal or postnatal care.

**Section 2)** concerns the numbers of women admitted, transferred and discharged over two time periods: 9am to 9pm (during the day) and 9pm to 9am (during the night). It also concerns the numbers of women having a small number of procedures carried out that reflect the intensity of care.

**Note 1: If women are present for more than one 12 hour period, they should be counted each time.**

**Note 2: Complete just before handover/ work allocation if meeting takes place at the times specified.**

## What happens next?

The completed forms should be placed in the Birthplace folder and will be collected by the Local Coordinating Midwife (LCM) who will return the forms to Document Technologies in batches for checking and data entry.

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