Safe and effective midwifery care: promoting and providing continuity of care and carer

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Midwives promote continuity of care, and work across the continuum from pre-pregnancy, pregnancy, labour and birth, postpartum, and the early weeks of newborn infants' life. They work in the woman's home, hospitals, the community, midwifery led units and all other environments where women require care by midwives. The midwife is responsible for creating an
environment that is safe, respectful, kind, nurturing, and empowering, ensuring that the woman's experience ofcare during her whole maternity journey is seamless.

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At the point of registration, the midwife will be able to:

2.1demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the health and social care system and of different settings for midwifery and maternity care, and the impact of these on women, newborn infants, partners and families

2.2demonstrate knowledge and understanding of different ways of organising midwifery and maternity care, and the potential positive and negative impact of these on safety and effectiveness, and on women, their newborn infants, partners and families

2.3demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the range of factors affecting the provision of safe and effective midwifery and maternity services and their impact on quality of care

2.4demonstrate the ability to work in and across a range of health and social care settings and with other health and social care staff to promote continuity of care and carer

2.5demonstrate the ability to provide continuity of midwifery carer across the whole continuum of care and in diverse settings for women and newborn infants with and without complications and additional care needs

2.6demonstrate the ability to ensure that the needs of women and newborn infants are considered together as a priority in all settings, even when women and infants have to be cared for separately

2.7demonstrate and apply knowledge and understanding of the social context in which women and their families live to inform, support, and assist in meeting their needs and preferences

2.8demonstrate knowledge and understanding of ways of identifying and reaching out to women who may find it difficult to access services, and of adapting care provision to meet their needs

2.9understand the need to work with other professionals, agencies, and communities to share knowledge of the needs of women, newborn infants, partners and families when considering the impact of the social determinants of health on public health and wellbeing

2.10work with other professionals, agencies, and communities to promote, support and protect breastfeeding, including protection for women to breastfeed in all settings

2.11demonstrate the ability to be the coordinator of care within the wider interdisciplinary and multiagency teams, arranging a seamless transfer of care when midwifery care is complete

2.12demonstrate an understanding of the need for an ongoing focus on the promotion of public health and wellbeing of women and newborn infants, their partners and families across all settings.