

Obstetric Unit: Labour Ward/Delivery Area Log



Date and time form started: / / : : _{24hr} Site Number: _____

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 not AN or PN care) | Total women at specified time | Core Labour Ward 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 during the 12 hour time period indicated

3. Please fill in for medical staff

| Number of women | | | | | | | | Medical Staffing | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|--|------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 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) | With an epidural | Having continuous EFM | Having planned CS before or during labour | Having unplanned CS | Time interval between | Cover by Consultant Obstetrician/s present on site (tick box for hours 1 or more consultant obstetrician/s on site) | Consultant ward round carried out (yes/no) | Cover by Associate Specialists/Staff Grades present on site (tick box for hours 1 or more staff grade on site) | Anaesthetist for obstetrics present on site (yes/no) |
| 9pm - 9am | | | | | | | | | 9pm - 9am | 1 - 4 hrs <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 8 hrs <input type="checkbox"/> 9 - 12 hrs <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 - 4 hrs <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 8 hrs <input type="checkbox"/> 9 - 12 hrs <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
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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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