



## 2010 Update

# Configuration of Maternity Care Unit Questionnaire

Following on from the data collected by the Healthcare Commission in the 2007 review, and used to map maternity care as part of the Birthplace in England Research Programme, we are collecting basic information for an overview of changes in the organisation and provision of maternity care. All maternity units are being asked to participate by responding to this short questionnaire.

**Please return by Friday 26th November 2010**

Attached label with Trust  
Name and Trust ID here



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## Unit details

1. **Today's date:** / /
2. **Please identify person completing questionnaire for the unit and give contact details:**  
 Name:   
 Position:   
 Email/telephone:
3. **Please indicate current type of unit:**  
 (\*see back page for definitions) OU\*  AMU\*  FMU\*
4. **Is the unit open 24 hours a day?** Yes  No   
 If No, how many hours per week is it routinely staffed and open?    hours  
 Can the unit be opened out-of-hours? Yes  No
5. **Was the unit operational throughout the year ending 31 March 2010?** Yes  No   
 If No, for how many weeks in total was the unit operational in the year ending 31 March 2010?   weeks
6. **Please write in the number of days this unit was closed (in part or full) to admissions in the year ending 31 March 2010:**  
 Include all short term closures due to capacity problems    days
7. **Is the maternity unit co-located with another maternity unit? (same site)** Yes  No

## Unit Staffing

8. **Please give numbers of staff working in maternity unit at 31 March 2010 (excluding doctors)**

	In post (WTE)	Establishment (WTE)
Midwives Band 5		
Midwives Band 6		
Midwives Band 7		
Midwives Band 8		
Midwives Band 9		
<b>Midwives - total</b>		
Nurses (please give band)		
Support workers Band 1		
Support workers Band 2		
Support workers Band 3		
Support workers Band 4		
<b>Support workers - total</b>		
Unit manager (non-clinical)		

9. **Please give numbers of doctors working in maternity unit at 31 March 2010** *Include locums as WTEs in post;. Where staff work in obstetrics and other areas, e.g. gynaecology, please estimate WTEs devoted to obstetrics*

	In post (WTE)
Consultant obstetricians	
Obstetricians	
Staff grades/associate specialists	

10. **How many midwives, support workers and nurses (WTEs) work on:**

Antenatal ward	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Labour ward	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Postnatal ward	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
In the community	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

11. **Do midwifery staff work?** *Please tick one box only*

12 hour or long shifts?	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.5 or short/traditional shifts	<input type="checkbox"/>
A mixture of short and long shifts	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. **Are the staff shared with any other unit in the trust?**

Yes  No

*If Yes, please indicate*

OU  AMU  FMU

## Capacity

13. **If the maternity unit is co-located with another maternity unit on the same site (OU or AMU):**

Does it have a separate entrance?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is it separately managed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there separate staffing rotas?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there separate recordkeeping / data collection?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

14. **How many beds does the unit have for the following?** *Please give number for each type*

Triage/Assessment	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Labour and delivery (not including Triage/Assessment)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
LRDP (Labour, Delivery, Recovery and Postnatal)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
High dependency	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Antenatal care	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Postnatal care	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

15. **Does the unit have an epidural service for labour and delivery?**

Yes  No

*If Yes, is the service: Please tick as many as apply*

24 hours  daytime only  week-days only

16. **Please can you provide the following information for the year to 31 March 2010?**

Total number of women delivered in the unit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total women delivered in the unit residing in area covered by unit's community midwives	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

17. Could you tell us about any other important changes that have taken place in maternity care in your unit since the Healthcare Commission Review in 2007?

18. Please add any other relevant information about the organisation of maternity care in this unit below:

**THANK YOU**

Please return to:

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### Maternity Unit Definitions:

*Freestanding midwifery unit (FMU):* an NHS clinical location offering care to women with straightforward pregnancies during labour and birth in which midwives take primary professional responsibility for care. General Practitioners may also be involved in care. During labour and birth diagnostic and treatment medical services including obstetric, neonatal and anaesthetic care, are not immediately available but are located on a separate site should they be needed. Transfer will normally involve car or ambulance.

*Alongside midwifery unit (AMU):* an NHS clinical location offering care to women with straightforward pregnancies during labour and birth in which midwives take primary professional responsibility for care. During labour and birth diagnostic and treatment medical services, including obstetric, neonatal and anaesthetic care are available, should they be needed, in the same building, or in a separate building on the same site. Transfer will normally be by trolley, bed or wheelchair.

*Obstetric unit (OU):* an NHS clinical location in which care is provided by a team, with obstetricians taking primary professional responsibility for women at high risk of complications during labour and birth. Midwives offer care to all women in an OU, whether or not they are considered at high or low risk, and take primary responsibility for women with straightforward pregnancies during labour and birth. Diagnostic and treatment medical services including obstetric, neonatal and anaesthetic care are available on site, 24 hours a day.