



**Midwifery 2020 Steering Group (England)**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 14.00-16.30hrs**  
**Room 102A, Skipton House, Department of Health, London**  
**Draft Note of meeting**

**Present:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
(JS) Jane Sandall – Co-chair	Professor of Midwifery and Women's Health, Kings College, University of London
(GB) Gwendolen Bradshaw – Co-chair	Dean of School of Health Care Studies University of Bradford,
(DF) David Foster	Deputy Chief Nursing Officer, Department of Health,
(RM) Rona McCandlish	Midwifery Advisor, Department of Health,
(LS) Louise Silverton	Deputy General Secretary, Royal College of Midwives,
(LP) Lynne Pacanowski	Head of Midwifery, Guy's & St. Thomas' Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Head of Midwifery
(MM) Marie McDonald	Clinical Director, Women's Services, Guy's & St Thomas' Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
(BP) Belinda Phipps	Chief Executive Officer, National Childbirth Trust
(DFr) Diane Fraser	University of Nottingham, Professor of Midwifery
(SC) Suzanne Cunningham	Consultant Midwife, Southampton University Hospital NHS Trust
(JD) Jill Demilew	Consultant Midwife, Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
(MD) Miranda Dodswell	Birthchoice UK
(JG) Jacque Gerrard	Director of Board (England) Royal College of Midwives
(ST) Suzanne Truttero	Midwifery Advisor, Department of Health
(BK) Brenda van der Kooy	Political Secretary Independent Midwives UK
(AM) Alison Miller	Programme Director Midwifery, CEMACE
(CB) Carmel Bagness	Stakeholder Engagement Lead, Midwifery 2020 (England), Department of Health
(BH-L) Birte Harlev-Lam	Strategic Lead, Maternity Services, NHS East of England
(NR) Nigel Rowley	Programme Lead – Workforce Capacity, NHS Employers
(NK) Noreen Kent	Director, Midwifery 2020 UK
(VV) Vineeta Verma	Royal College of General Practitioners

**Apologies for Absence**

(ML) Michelle Lyne	Midwifery Advisor, Nursing & Midwifery Council
(PB) Peter Blythin	Chief Nurse and Director of Workforce, NHS West Midlands
(HO) Helen O'Dell	Midwifery Officer, South East SHA
(JH) Jane Hawdon	RCPCH
(JE) Jane Evans	Assistant Director Commissioning Partnerships Walsall Teaching PCT
(GW) Gill Walton	John Radcliffe Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Directorate Manager Women's and Sexual Health
(SB) Sheena Byrom	Head of Midwifery East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust
(BK) Barbara Kuypers	Midwifery Officer, West Midlands LSA Office
(SD) Soo Downe	Professor of Midwifery University of Central Lancashire
(PL) Paul Lewis	School of Health and Social Care University of- Bournemouth
(FH) Gareth Durling	Department of Health, Senior Policy Manager Pre-Registration Education and Training, Workforce Directorate
(KM) Kath Mannion	Midwifery Officer, North East LSA
(BB) Beverley Lawrence Beech	Chair, Association for Improvements in Maternity Services,

<p><b>Part 1</b>  <b>Outstanding business and conclusion of M2020 Steering Group (England)</b></p>
<p>1. Previous minutes (1st October 2009)  <b>These were approved</b>  <b>Matters arising - none</b></p>
<p>2. Meetings scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> January, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010  <b>RM noted that snow had caused postponement of the January meeting; and the April meeting had been re-scheduled to July 2<sup>nd</sup> because of the general election. The business of the group had therefore been conducted mainly by e-mail and she thanked members for their considerable contributions (particularly comments on the final versions of the workstream reports)</b></p>
<p>3. Independent commission for the future of nursing and midwifery in England  <b>DF updated group on position regarding the report of the Independent Commission on the Future of Nursing and Midwifery in England report: Front-line care (published March 2010). It is anticipated that aspects of the report will be taken forward as policy for nursing and midwifery develops. The report informed work of Midwifery 2020</b></p>
<p>4. Overview of Phase 1 M2020 programme and particular contributions from England</p> <p>NK updated group on progress for the whole M2020 programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All of the <b>workstreams had reported as scheduled and reports had been accepted by the UK Programme Board. These are being used as a basis for the final report.</b></li> <li>• <b>In addition to the Education and Career Progression and Quality Measurement workstreams this group had had oversight for the review of policy literature. RM and NK thanked the members of the group for their input</b></li> <li>• GB described the operation of the Education and Career Progression group and acknowledged the considerable contribution of all of the workstream members</li> <li>• CB and GB described an external stakeholder event involving participants from all four UK countries held in March on <b>Quality in Midwifery Education.</b></li> </ul> <p>During July and August the RCM (JG) is working with NK and government midwifery advisors to facilitate engagement events in all four countries to raise awareness of the messages in M2020 amongst external stakeholders (particularly 'front-line' midwives)</p>
<p><b>5. Midwifery 2020 UK Programme – final report Launch plans</b>  <b>NK explained that because the final report was not yet in a form which could be widely shared it had not been circulated or tabled</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NK is working with Jill Rogers of JRA Associates who is supporting development of the report and involving the workstream chairs and midwifery advisors from the four governments.</b></li> <li>• <b>The report is not policy: it will present key messages and address the wide-range of stakeholders in maternity services and ask them to consider what they can do to take forward/use the key messages</b></li> <li>• <b>Arrangements for the launch were described.</b></li> <li>• <b>The report is to be endorsed by the four governments with foreword by the CNOs.</b></li> <li>• <b>There will be few hard copies printed; it will also be available on the Midwifery 2020 website, which will be linked to , for example, CNO England's web pages on DH website</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>PART 2 Workshop: Using the emerging key messages to set the direction for midwifery</b></p>
<p>6. Participants discussed draft key messages and were asked to send any comments and suggestions to NK by 7<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p><b>JG followed with a presentation on the Image of Midwifery which she will use as part of the awareness raising / engagement events' during July and August</b></p>
<p>7. DF acknowledged the contributions of all members and thanked them for their support for the whole Midwifery 2020 Programme</p>