

## Judy, Midwife

'Hi, my name is Judy and I am the Fetal Monitoring Lead midwife at my Trust. This is a specialist midwifery role for a senior midwife to focus on one element of maternity care: fetal monitoring. It is my responsibility to facilitate the continuous improvement of monitoring fetal among clinicians: obstetric doctors and midwives. This includes providing training that clinicians attend yearly, creating learning resources to support best practice and facilitating weekly meetings so we can learn from case studies. I also support staff with the practical application of their knowledge and skills in all ward areas except for the post-natal ward.

My role is a national recommendation (Saving Babies Lives Care Bundle, Version 2, element 4: Effective fetal Monitoring. RCOG, 2019, Ockenden reports of 2020-2022) to advance standards of care and safety in fetal monitoring; there will be a Fetal Monitoring Lead midwife in most maternity units across the UK. Thanks to the virtual platform I network with the other Fetal Monitoring Lead midwives across the UK as well as within the Local Maternity and Neonatal System (LMNS). We share learning and resources for best practice, which supports us to keep abreast of developments in the field.

There are many opportunities for midwives to enhance their skills during their career and I feel proud that I am able to focus on this important element of maternity care, supporting the multidisciplinary team with evidence-based practice for the safe care of mothers, babies and their families.'

