Royal College of Midwives
Legal Birth Conference

Women’s choice and expectations

Speakers include:
Dr Bill Kirkup CBE
Baroness Julia Cumberlege CBE DL
Jackie Smith, Chief Executive, NMC

Thursday 7 July 2016
At The Royal College of Physicians, London NW1 4LE

£130 + VAT
Group bookings: for every four places booked you receive a free place
Are there sufficient resources to meet women’s expectations and provide safe care? Now in its eighth year, this unique conference will consider and debate the issues around women’s choice and expectations.

As part of the recent National Maternity Review, Dr Bill Kirkup was asked to assess the quality and variation in quality of maternity services in England. The assessment spans all three dimensions of quality – clinical effectiveness, safety and experience. Dr Kirkup will open the conference with his findings and the question: what does a good maternity unit look like?

Baroness Julia Cumberlege - as Chair of the maternity review - offered influential recommendations and a powerful vision of the future of maternity services. How can we meet women's expectations of safe, personalised care in which the woman has choice and control? Find out more from Baroness Cumberlege in her presentation meeting women's expectations.

Midwives may struggle to meet some women's expectations. Our panel will debate managing women's expectations where this occurs. Some women may also have expectations about information they want to be kept secret which it would be unsafe or illegal for midwives to meet.

Ensure that you don’t miss important professional developments with the update this conference provides on midwifery regulation, safe staffing and the relevant legal cases.

The Legal Birth Conference has proved to be a consistently popular event: between 180 and 250 delegates have booked onto this conference each year since its launch in 2009. Important questions have been raised over the past year. Hear the answers from those influencing policy.

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| 9.30 | Welcome and introduction from the Chair  
Professor Cathy Warwick CBE, Chief Executive, Royal College of Midwives |
| 9.40 | What does a good maternity unit look like?  
Dr Bill Kirkup CBE |
| 10.20 | Annual legal midwifery update  
Barbara Hewson, Barrister, 1 Gray's Inn Square |
| 10.50 | Safe staffing  
Dr Suzanne Tyler, Director of Services to Members, Royal College of Midwives |
| 11.10 | Refreshments and exhibition |
| 11.40 | Regulation of midwives: the future  
- Legislative changes  
- Managing the transition  
- Future midwifery regulation – what will it look like?  
Jackie Smith, Chief Executive, Nursing and Midwifery Council |
| 12.10 | ‘Can you keep my secret?’ Information held in trust  
Janet Fyle MBE, Professional Advisor, Policy, Royal College of Midwives  
Leyla Hussein, Psychotherapist and anti-FGM Activist |
| 12.40 | Open forum  
Do you have any questions or comments? |
| 12.55 | Lunch, exhibition and networking |
| 14.00 | Welcome back and address from the afternoon Chair  
Andrew Andrews MBE, Director of Health & Social Care, Bond Solon |
| 14.10 | What next for midwifery?  
- Widening access to continuity of midwifery care  
- Continuity of carer?  
- Putting theory into practice  
Professor Lesley Page CBE, President, Royal College of Midwives |
| 14.50 | Refreshments and exhibition |
| 15.10 | Meeting women's expectations  
Baroness Julia Cumberlege CBE DL, Chair of the National Maternity Review |
| 15.40 | Managing women's expectations: the panel  
Jane Hervé, Head of Midwifery, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Paula Porter, Head of Professional Misconduct and Criminal Law Unit, Thompsons Solicitors  
Sujay Chakravarti, Consultant Obstetrician, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Jess Read, LSA Midwifery Officer for London |
| 16.45 | Close |
Speakers include

**Professor Cathy Warwick CBE** has held a number of senior posts in midwifery education and in the NHS managing midwifery and nursing services. As Chief Executive of the RCM, Cathy is closely involved in the development of maternity policy and has recently been part of the national maternity review.

**Dr Bill Kirkup CBE** specialised in gynaecological cancer surgery before moving to posts in public health, overseas reconstruction and at the Dept of Health. He led the Morecambe Bay Investigation (2013-2015) and recently worked on the National Maternity Review (2015-2016).

**Barbara Hewson** has represented midwives at NMC hearings and has developed particular expertise defending home birth midwives. Her work in the field of reproductive rights includes landmark legal challenges to court-ordered Caesareans. She has also advised on abortion and midwifery regulation.

**Andrew Andrews MBE** is a lawyer by profession and a respected legal advisor. Andrew is an established and recognised medico-legal trainer. His additional responsibilities include Medico-Legal Advisor for St John Ambulance, Chairman of One in Four, Trustee & Legal Advisor Florence Nightingale Foundation.

**Professor Lesley Page CBE** is a renowned academic, advocate and activist for midwives, mothers and babies with nearly 40 years’ midwifery experience. She is a Visiting Professor of Midwifery at King’s College London, and Adjunct Professor at University of Technology Sydney and Griffith University Australia.


**Dr Suzanne Tyler** has recently delivered training to RCM workplace representatives and advised Heads of Midwifery on using available tools to make an effective case for improved staffing. She previously delivered the maternity strategy in NHS South of England.

**Jane Hervé** has been a practising midwife for 30 years. She was previously a Supervisor of Midwives and is currently Head of Midwifery. The provision of excellent care to women and their families and supporting and enabling midwives to achieve this is what motivates her in her professional and managerial role.

**Jackie Smith** was appointed the NMC’s Chief Executive and Registrar in October 2012, having joined the NMC as the director of Fitness to Practise (FtP) in August 2010. Jackie’s background is in law and she worked for the General Medical Council for over 10 years as an assistant director.

**Paula Porter** is the head of Thompsons’ professional misconduct and criminal law unit. Paula specialises in representing teachers, medical professionals, rescue services, social workers and public servants before regulators.

**Sujay Chakravarti** is a Consultant Obstetrician and clinical governance lead for maternity at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. This role has given him an insight into the need for learning and supporting staff, the importance of the Duty of Candour and honest feedback to women and their families.

**Janet Fyle MBE** has worked in health and key policy areas relating to women and children for a number of years – national and international. She is currently the Royal College of Midwives’ Professional Policy Advisor. In June 2015 Janet was awarded an MBE for her services to tackling female genital mutilation.

**Leyla Hussein** is a psychotherapist and social activist. She is a co-founder of Daughters of Eve, a non profit organisation which works to protect girls and young women who are at risk from female genital mutilation. Leyla is also Chief Executive of Hawa’s Haven which raises awareness of gender-based violence.

**Jess Read** has worked across all aspects of the maternity services with experience in Community midwifery and promotion of home birth to managing a busy Labour ward, Birth Centre and Community Services. Jess is currently LSA Midwifery Officer for London and Chair of the LSAMO Forum UK.

Last year’s delegates said

“The most enlightening conference I’ve ever been to.”

“It's very well organised. The speakers are all very credible. We learned so much last year that we felt it would be really beneficial for us to come back.”

Tracey Palmer, Assistant Head of Midwifery, Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals

“Extremely informative and thought provoking, highlighting ongoing development of midwifery practice.”
The Royal College of Midwives
The Royal College of Midwives, run by midwives for midwives, provides professional support and information to the UK midwifery sector and every midwife. The RCM is committed to developing a maternity service that truly meets women's and babies' needs throughout pregnancy, labour and the postnatal period.

The RCM is also the leading trade union for midwives, and provides workplace support and legal advice to midwives and maternity support workers through an extensive network of workplace representatives and experienced national/regional officers.

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