[**Guidance for referees**](https://www.rcm.org.uk/guidance-for-referees) **to support RCM Fellow Application**

Thank you for taking the time to complete the referee form for the application to become a Fellow of the Royal College of Midwives.

The RCM Fellowship aims to create a body of support for the midwifery profession that could provide professional advice and field intelligence on practice, research, policy and women’s service management.

RCM Fellows are recognised leaders within their sphere of expertise in midwifery and maternity service. RCM Fellows are midwives with a high profile, have the respect of their peers and are willing to advocate on behalf of the RCM and the profession.

If you have been asked by a colleague to support their application you will need to feel confident that they meet the criteria.

Please keep in mind some simple questions:

* Does the midwife demonstrate excellence in their particular field?
* Does the midwife support and inspire others in their personal development?
* Have you read and reviewed the midwife’s application form?
* Are you willing to support the midwife’s application?
* Do you feel confident that the midwife’s application is appropriate?
* Have you known the applicant for two years or more?

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| Fellowship applicants name |  | | |
| Has the applicant discussed their application with you? | | | Yes  No |
| Please provide a reference for the applicant | | | |
| Name of supporting referee |  | | |
| Contact details: email       phone | | | |
| How long have you know the applicant and in what capacity? | |  | |
| Are you aware of any professional referrals or criminal sanctions? | |  | |
| Name | |  | |
| Signature | |  | |

Please email the completed form to [fellowship@rcm.org.uk](mailto:fellowship@rcm.org.uk) using the file name **Ref\_ApplicantName at the time of the application**