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## M95 - Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the midwife (71 records)

(Updated 14 July 2020)

**20200713-7\***

**The impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on maternity care in Europe.** Coxon K; Turienzo CF; Kweekel L; et al, (2020). *Midwifery*, 10 June 2020, online.

Editorial on the impact of COVID-19 on maternity care in Europe and the different responses among European countries. Discusses the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and changes to the provision of maternity services in the antenatal, perinatal and postnatal periods. (LDO) (Editorial)

Available from: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2020.102779>

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**20200710-8\***

**Nursing and midwife numbers jump by record amount.** Anon, (2020). *BBC News*, 9 July 2020.

Reports that the latest figures show a large rise in the numbers of nurses, midwives and nursing associates registered in the UK; the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) state that there were 716, 000 on their register at the end of March 2020. However, there are still concerns that the coronavirus pandemic will have an adverse effect on the NMC's ability to recruit and retain health professionals from overseas. (JSM) (News item)

Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-53342562>

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**20200709-6\***

**Combating exhaustion.** Pitman S, (2020). *World of Irish Nursing & Midwifery*, vol 28, no 4, May 2020, pp 44-45.

Fatigue in the workplace must be avoided as it puts patients, colleagues and individual nurses and midwives at risk, writes Steve Pitman. (Author) (Overview)

Available from: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1028755/44/>

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**20200709-2\***

**Guidance for Student Nurses/Midwives During Temporary Employment Arrangements - COVID-19.** Anon, (2020). *World of Irish Nursing & Midwifery*, vol 28, no 4, May 2020, p 24.

Brief guidance on employment arrangements for student midwives and nurses in Ireland during the COVID-19 pandemic. Includes information on personal protective equipment, clinical competence and supervision. (LDO) (Guidelines)

Available from: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1028755/24/>

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### 20200709-1\*

**Ethics of practising in a pandemic.** Mathews E, (2020). World of Irish Nursing & Midwifery , vol 28, no 4, May 2020, pp 22-23.

Nurses and midwives must keep to the NMBI Code of Conduct in these unprecedented times, writes Edwards Mathews. (Author, edited) (Commentary)

**Available from:** <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1028755/22/>

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### 20200708-1\*

**Advice for pregnant healthcare workers.** Royal College of Midwives, (2020). London: RCM , 2020.

Offers advice to pregnant healthcare workers during the current coronavirus pandemic. (JSM) (Guidelines)

**Available from:** <https://www.rcm.org.uk/advice-for-pregnant-healthcare-workers/>

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### 20200707-19\*

**Maternity staff mental health care during COVID-19 [Version 5. Last updated 16 June 2020].** Royal College of Midwives, (2020). London: RCM , 16 June 2020. 7 pages .

Provides guidance and a resources list on the potential impact of COVID-19 on the mental health and well-being of maternity staff. (JSM) (Briefing paper)

**Available from:** <https://www.rcm.org.uk/media/4143/maternity-staff-mental-health-care-during-covid-19-v5-160620.pdf>

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### 20200707-13\*

**Addressing increased risks during the COVID-19 pandemic for BAME women [Version 2].** Royal College of Midwives, (2020). London: RCM , 19 May 2020. 4 pages.

Briefing paper from the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) discussing the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) people, and how maternity professionals can offer the right care to BAME women during pregnancy. (Author) (Briefing paper)

**Available from:** <https://www.rcm.org.uk/media/4089/addressing-increased-risks-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-for-bame-women-statement-final-14-may-2020v2.pdf>

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### 20200706-7\*

**RCM position in relation to Midwifery Continuity of Carer ongoing implementation Summer 2020 .** Royal College of Midwives, (2020). London: RCM , June 2020. 2 pages.

Sets out the Royal College of Midwives' position on providing midwifery continuity of carer as the UK enters the next phase of returning to pre-COVID maternity services at national, regional and local level. (JSM) (Position statement)

**Available from:** [https://www.rcm.org.uk/media/4125/rcm-position-on-mcoc-june-2020.pdf?dm\\_i=4YCH,CQNC,3PNLW0,1FQ3X,1](https://www.rcm.org.uk/media/4125/rcm-position-on-mcoc-june-2020.pdf?dm_i=4YCH,CQNC,3PNLW0,1FQ3X,1)

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### 20200706-1\*

**Getting ready for a visit from your midwife.** Royal College of Midwives, (2020). London: RCM , 2020. 1 page.

Safety information for women expecting a home visit from their midwife during the coronavirus pandemic.(JSM) (Consumer information)

**Available from:** <https://www.rcm.org.uk/media/3915/guidance-for-women-on-home-visits-4.jpg>

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### 20200703-31\*

**Managing fear, anxiety and uncertainty: why does it matter?.** Moore R, (2020). The Student Midwife , vol 3, no 3, July 2020, pp 18-21.

In this piece, Rebecca asks us to think together about how fear and anxiety feels, and then consider what we can do with these powerful feelings. She suggests practical easy tips and techniques students and midwives can use at home and work for both now and in the long term. (Author) (Commentary)

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### 20200703-30\*

**COVID 2020: What are the fears for the third-year midwifery student cohort?.** Hoggarth T, (2020). The Student Midwife , vol 3, no 3, July 2020, pp 16-17.

Lives were turned upside down and a harsh, new reality kicked in as the world entered the Covid-19 pandemic. Students filled with anxiety are worried about how this will affect their midwifery programmes. In this article,

Tracy provides a working example of how Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust (LTHT) has supported its students. (Author) (Professional experience)

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### **20200703-29\***

**Covid-19 Special Report: What about the future? Holding on to our philosophy of care.** Lai-Boyd B, (2020). The Student Midwife , vol 3, no 3, July 2020, pp 12-15.

In this article, Bunty explores why it is important to continue to advocate for our midwifery philosophy of evidence-based care through and beyond the Covid-19 pandemic. Students can be advocates for change by remembering the importance of evidence-based practice, remaining true to their ethos and being the future of midwifery. (Author) (Commentary)

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### **20200703-28\***

**Student reflections of COVID-19 from around the world.** Various, (2020). The Student Midwife , vol 3, no 3, July 2020, pp 6-9.

We can learn so much from each other by taking stock of the challenges this pandemic creates for students and newly qualified midwives around the world. We unite and celebrate our collective voice, realising our universal calling, our passion to care for birthing people and families worldwide despite the challenges coronavirus creates. These reflections provide worldview insight and are testaments to the strength and bravery of you all. (Author) (Professional experience)

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### **20200702-2\***

**The impact of Covid-19 on midwifery training throughout the UK.** Finnerty S-L, (2020). The Student Midwife , vol 3, no 3, July 2020, pp 22-25.

Here, Sophie-Louise discusses the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on student midwives' training in the UK, and highlights academic, emotional and pastoral support from the Approved Education Institutions (AEIs) and practice areas that students should access to minimise its impact on their education. This article is a must-read for student midwives and midwifery educators alike. (Author) (Overview)

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### **20200629-2\***

**Statement: Principles for nursing and midwifery students during the next phase of the Covid-19 pandemic.** Nursing and Midwifery Council, (2020). Nursing and Midwifery Council , 25 June 2020.

Outlines the NMC's plans to support current nursing and midwifery students and those who are due to start courses. (MB) (News item)

**Available from:** <https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/statement-principles-for-students-during-next-phase-of-covid-19-pandemic/>

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### **20200623-31\***

**NHS: Mental Health [written answer].** House of Commons, (2020). Hansard , Written question 57909, 10 June 2020.

Helen Whately responds to a written question asked by Sir Mark Hendrick to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding the steps his Department is taking to assess the effect of the COVID-19 outbreak on the mental health of NHS staff. (LDO) (Parliamentary question)

**Available from:** <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2020-06-10/57909/>

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### **20200623-27\***

**Mental Health Services: Coronavirus [written answer].** House of Commons, (2020). Hansard , Written question 59894, 16 June 2020.

Helen Whately responds to a written question asked by Zarah Sultana to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding the assessment his Department has made of the need for the provision of increased mental health support to (a) nurses, (b) doctors and (c) other NHS staff (i) during and (ii) after the COVID-19 outbreak. (LDO) (Parliamentary question)

**Available from:** <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2020-06-16/59894/>

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### **20200623-8\***

**Temporary Employment: NHS [written answer].** House of Commons, (2020). Hansard , Written question 53367, 1 June 2020.

Helen Whately responds to a written question asked by Caroline Lucas to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding financial support available to NHS bank staff who are not eligible for universal credit and have had (a) no working hours and (b) their hours reduced since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak. (LDO)

(Parliamentary question)

**Available from:** <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2020-06-01/53367/>

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### **20200622-8\***

**COVID-19: what are the physical and mental challenges?.** Winter GF, (2020). British Journal of Midwifery , vol 28, no 6, June 2020, pp 342-343.

George F Winter gives an overview of the impact of the coronavirus on healthcare workers and pregnant women. (Author) (Overview)

**Available from:** <https://doi.org/10.12968/bjom.2020.28.6.342>

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### **20200619-29\***

**Midwives in the midst of COVID-19.** Kerelo S, (2020). British Journal of Midwifery , vol 28, no 5, May 2020, p 288.

Midwives and healthcare professionals all over the globe are facing the pandemic head-on, utilising hand hygiene and sanitisation to prevent the virus from spreading. (Author) (Commentary)

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### **20200619-26\***

**Making masks for maternity staff.** Denicke-Polcher S; Lawin-O'Brien A, (2020). British Journal of Midwifery , vol 28, no 5, May 2020, pp 284-285.

Despite self-isolation, social distancing and NHS work during the COVID-19 pandemic, Sandra Denicke-Polcher and Anna Lawin-O'Brien found a way to make a joyous difference, connecting the community with healthcare providers on the shop floor. (Author) (Commentary)

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### **20200619-25\***

**In a time of uncertainty.** Casey-Hardman C, (2020). British Journal of Midwifery , vol 28, no 5, May 2020, p 280.

Corin Casey-Hardman, our consultant editor, expresses her immense gratitude to those on the frontline as we navigate COVID-19. (Author) (Commentary)

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### **20200612-12\***

**NHS Bank: Coronavirus [written answer].** House of Commons, (2020). Hansard , Written answer 53368, 2 June 2020.

Helen Whately responds to a written question asked by Caroline Lucas to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care regarding whether his Department is collecting information on the number of (a) NHS Trusts that have (i) partially reduced and (ii) reduced to none NHS Bank staff hours and (b) NHS Bank staff who are (A) not eligible for the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and (B) have had their hours (1) partially and (2) completely reduced since the start of the covid-19 outbreak. (MB) (Parliamentary question)

**Available from:** <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2020-06-02/53368/>

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### **20200611-28\***

**Training: Coronavirus [written answer].** Scottish Parliament, (2020). Official Report , Written question S5W-29154, 19 May 2020.

Jeane Freeman responds to a written question asked by Jeremy Balfour to the Scottish Government, regarding its position on contracting and training independent midwives, maternity assistants and doula or volunteers to help alleviate pressures on maternity units during the COVID-19 outbreak. (LDO) (Parliamentary question)

**Available from:**

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-29154>

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### **20200610-3\***

**NOW!: protection for obstetrical providers and patients.** Berghella V, (2020). American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology MFM , vol 2, no 2, suppl, May 2020, 100109.

Editorial on the impact of COVID-19 on healthcare workers and pregnant women in the United States. Recommends the implementation of strict lockdown measures using the police and military. (LDO) (Editorial)

**Available from:** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajogmf.2020.100109>

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**20200608-3\***

**COVID-19. The new normal for midwives, women and families.** Walton G, (2020). *Midwifery*, vol 87, August 2020, 102736.

Gill Walton highlights the innovation and resilience of maternity services in the United Kingdom during the COVID-19 pandemic. Discusses new ways of midwives engaging with pregnant women including advice phone lines and the introduction of a safe distancing queuing system using text messaging. (LDO) (Commentary)

**Available from:** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2020.102736>

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**20200608-2\***

**2020 International Year of Midwifery—In the midst of a pandemic.** Furuta M, (2020). *Midwifery*, vol 87, August 2020, 102739.

Editorial on clinical and educational challenges in Japan during the COVID-19 pandemic. Discusses antenatal services, the traditional custom of satogaeri and the suspension of midwifery training. (LDO) (Editorial)

**Available from:** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2020.102739>

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**20200608-1\***

**The maternity response to COVID-19: an example from one maternity unit in Taiwan.** Liao S-C; Chang Y-S; Chien L-Y; et al, (2020). *Midwifery*, 19 May 2020, online.

Discusses the preventative measures introduced in Taiwan at the government and hospital level to minimise the spread of COVID-19. The authors focus on a maternity unit in Taipei city which introduced designated walkways, fever screening, visitor restrictions, negative-pressure birth rooms and personal protective equipment. (LDO) (Overview)

**Available from:** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2020.102756>

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**20200605-25\***

**Midwifery education in COVID-19- time: Challenges and opportunities.**

Luyben A; Fleming V; Vermeulen J, (2020). *Midwifery*, 1 June 2020, online.

Commentary on the impact of COVID-19 on undergraduate midwifery degree programmes across Europe. Discusses the closure of universities, the postponement of clinical placements and the recruitment of final year students as health care assistants. (LDO) (Commentary)

**Available from:** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2020.102776>

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**20200605-22\***

**The impact of covid-19 on midwives' practice in Kenya, Uganda and**

**Tanzania: A reflective account.** Pallangyo E; Nakate MG; Maina R; et al, (2020). *Midwifery*, 1 June 2020, online.

Explores the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on midwifery practice in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. The authors suggest that the pandemic has exacerbated the already high maternal and neonatal mortality rates in the three countries. The article discusses travel restrictions, personal protective equipment, access to contraception and antenatal care in rural areas. (LDO) (Overview)

**Available from:** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2020.102775>

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**20200605-17\***

**COVID-19: 2020 is the International Year of the Midwife.** Bick D, (2020).

*Midwifery*, vol 85, June 2020, 102719.

Editorial on celebrating the International Year of the Midwife in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The author suggests that midwives everywhere should be proud of the life-saving roles they are playing during this global crisis. (LDO) (Editorial)

**Available from:** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2020.102719>

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**20200605-12\***

**Voice of a Student Special: Training during a pandemic.** Grant C, (2020).

*Community Practitioner*, vol 93, no 3, May-June 2020, p 24.

The author, a qualified midwife and student health visitor, writes of the frustrations and challenges she has experienced while training during the current coronavirus crisis, and shares her hopes that this unique experience will assist her in her future practice. (JSM) (Professional experience)

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**20200605-10\***

**Pushing the limits.** Beach J, (2020). *Community Practitioner*, vol 93, no 3, May-June 2020, p 18.

Reports that during this current coronavirus pandemic, health professionals working in the community may have to work outside their scope of practice. Acknowledges that within The Code (1), there is an expectation

that registrants will provide support during emergency situations, but stresses that they should not risk their own health or that of the families they work with, and should only work within their knowledge and experience. 1. Nursing and Midwifery Council. The Code: professional standards of practice and behaviour for nurses, midwives and nursing associates. 2015, London: NMC. (JSM) (Commentary)

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### **20200604-76\***

**Nursing and Midwifery Council: Fees and Charges [written answer].** House of Commons, (2020). Hansard , Written question 43703, 5 May 2020.

Helen Whately responds to a written question asked by Martyn Day to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding if his policy will be to waive Nursing and Midwifery Council registration fees for (a) nurses and (b) midwives who are working in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. (LDO) (Parliamentary question)

**Available from:** <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2020-05-05/43703/>

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### **20200601-19\***

**Midwives, women and Covid-19: lessons from 1953.** Harkness M, (2020). The Practising Midwife , vol 23, no 6, June 2020, pp 32-34.

Critical analysis of our past can enable deeper understanding of our present, particularly in times of crisis. This article uses the Myles A Textbook for Midwives (1) as a framework for professional reflection on the significant challenges imposed by the Covid-19 global pandemic. 1. Myles M (1953). A Textbook for Midwives. Edinburgh: E&S Livingstone Ltd. (Author, edited) (Commentary)

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### **20200528-4\***

**Health Professions: Registration [written answer].** House of Commons, (2020). Hansard , Written question 43860, 6 May 2020.

Helen Whately responds to a written question asked by Barbara Keeley to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, regarding what discussions he has had with the (a) Health and Care Professions Council and (b) Nursing and Midwifery Council on reducing the fees paid by medical professionals for registration and replacing those fees with Government funding. (LDO) (Parliamentary question)

**Available from:** <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2020-05-06/43860/>

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### **20200528-2\***

**Looking after your mental health and wellbeing during COVID-19 .** The Royal College of Midwives, (2020). London: RCM , May 2020.

We know that the current pandemic is taking its toll on mental health and wellbeing. This also applies to those working in maternity services – in a recent survey more than half of you said that your mental health is worse. To help you remember you are not alone, we've pulled together some of the common stresses you may be experiencing – and some strategies to help you cope. (Author) (Overview)

**Available from:** [https://www.rcm.org.uk/media/4094/looking-after-your-mental-health-wraparound-a3.pdf?dm\\_i=4YCH,CCW4,3PNLW0,1DU2Z,1](https://www.rcm.org.uk/media/4094/looking-after-your-mental-health-wraparound-a3.pdf?dm_i=4YCH,CCW4,3PNLW0,1DU2Z,1)

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### **20200521-68\***

**Midwifery in the Time of COVID-19.** Aikins Murphy P, (2020). Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health , vol 65, no 3, May/June 2020, pp 299-300.

Discusses the COVID-19 outbreak and its impact on midwives' ability to intimately care for women. Draws comparisons to the 1980s HIV-AIDS crisis where protective equipment was required to prevent exposure to bodily fluids. The author encourages midwives to find ways to provide continuous and compassionate care. (LDO) (Editorial)

**Available from:** <https://doi.org/10.1111/jmwh.13121>

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### **20200518-29\***

**Midwives' mental health hit by pandemic.** Royal College of Midwives, (2020). London: RCM , 18 May 2020.

Reports that a survey conducted by the Royal College of Midwives (RCM), has revealed that 57 per cent of midwives, maternity support workers (MSWs) and student midwives feel that the current coronavirus pandemic has adversely affected their mental health and well-being. States that more than a third of respondents (34%) felt they were not being adequately supported by their employers. Includes comments from RCM Chief Executive Officer, Gill Walton. (JSM) (Commentary)

**Available from:** <https://www.rcm.org.uk/media-releases/2020/may/midwives-mental-health-hit-by-pandemic/>

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## 20200518-28\*

### **Health Professions: Training [written answer].** House of Lords, (2020).

Hansard , Written question HL3894, 5 May 2020.

Lord Bethell responds to a written question asked by Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to Her Majesty's Government, regarding what financial and practical provision they will make for the final-year cohort of nursing, midwifery and associated health professional students who have not opted to cut short their courses to work in the NHS during the COVID-19 pandemic, but who may see those courses extend past the planned date for qualifying. (Author, edited) (Parliamentary question)

**Available from:** <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2020-05-05/HL3894/>

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## 20200512-12\*

### **Coronavirus: NMC Registration Fees [written answer].** Scottish Parliament, (2020).

Official Report , Written question S5W-28657, 22 April 2020.

Jeane Freeman responds to a written question asked by Alison Johnstone to the Scottish Government, regarding its position on covering the cost of the 2020 Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) annual registration fees as a token of appreciation during the COVID-19 outbreak. (LDO) (Parliamentary question)

**Available from:**

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-28657>

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## 20200507-21\*

### **Update from the Chief Executive and Registrar of the NMC about nursing students and the temporary register.** Sutcliffe A, (2020). London: Nursing and Midwifery Council , 7 May 2020.

Andrea Sutcliffe announces that the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) will not establish a specific student part of the temporary register during the COVID-19 outbreak. (LDO) (News item)

**Available from:** <https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/nursing-students-temporary-register/>

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## 20200507-20\*

### **Research highlights concerns of UK nurses and midwives over Covid-19.**

Anon, (2020). Cardiff: Cardiff University , 28 April 2020.

Summarises the results of a survey conducted by the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) to ascertain the impact of coronavirus among nurses and midwives. Reports that the survey, conducted between 2-14 April 2020, found a third of the 2, 600 respondents had experienced severe or extremely severe depression, anxiety or stress.

Other findings included: \*4% feel their personal health is at risk during the pandemic due to their clinical role \*92% are worried about risks to family members due to their clinical role \*A third (33%) respondents reported severe or extremely severe depression, anxiety or stress \*Of those being redeployed within the NHS, 62% either reported that their training was either non-existent, or inadequate \*52% respondents had worked over their contracted hours on their last shift- two-thirds of these respondents will not be paid for their additional work \*25% disagreed that correct PPE was always available (with only 44% agreeing that it was available) \*52% were either lacking in confidence regarding COVID-19 infection control and prevention training that they had received or had received no training \*26% respondents had needed to self-isolate, of which 37% did not have personal symptoms and 64% missed four or more shifts due to self-isolation. (Author, edited) (News item)

**Available from:** <https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/news/view/2326580-research-highlights-concerns-of-uk-nurses-and-midwives-over-covid-19>

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## 20200506-89\*

### **Guidance for midwives, student midwives and maternity support workers providing community-based care during the Covid-19 pandemic .** Royal College of Midwives, (2020). London: RCM , April 2020. 4 pages.

Health and safety advice for midwives, student midwives and maternity support workers whose roles take them into the community, during this current coronavirus pandemic. (JSM) (Guidelines)

**Available from:** [https://www.rcm.org.uk/media/3900/home-visit-guidance-for-midwives.pdf?dm\\_i=4YCH,C146,3PNLW0,1CA74,1](https://www.rcm.org.uk/media/3900/home-visit-guidance-for-midwives.pdf?dm_i=4YCH,C146,3PNLW0,1CA74,1)

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## 20200506-5\*

### **Health Professions: Coronavirus [written answer].** House of Lords, (2020).

Hansard , Written question HL3295, 21 April 2020.

Lord Bethell responds to a written question asked by Baroness Bettett of Manor Castle to Her Majesty's Government, regarding how many final year nurses, midwives and associated health professionals who finished their courses early to take up roles in response to the COVID-19 pandemic are now working in the (1) NHS, and (2) social care sector; and what special provision is being made to support those workers. (MB)

(Parliamentary question)

**Available from:** <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2020-04-21/HL3295/>

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**20200505-55\***

**'Video-call the midwife': NHS carries on delivering as Wilfred joins over 150,000 babies born during pandemic.** Anon, (2020). London: NHS England , 5 May 2020.

England's top midwife has today praised NHS maternity teams for providing high quality care in the face of the most significant challenge to ever face the health services, and urged new and expectant families to continue to come forward for routine checks and urgent advice. (Author) (News item)

**Available from:** <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/05/video-call-the-midwife/>

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**20200505-34\***

**Caring for the carers: Ensuring the provision of quality maternity care during a global pandemic.** Wilson AN; Ravaldi C; Scoullar MJL; et al, (2020). Women and Birth: Journal of the Australian College of Midwives , 7 April 2020, online.

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting health systems worldwide. Maternity care providers must continue their core business in caring and supporting women, newborns and their families whilst also adapting to a rapidly changing health system environment. This article provides an overview of important considerations for supporting the emotional, mental and physical health needs of maternity care providers in the context of the unprecedented crisis that COVID-19 presents. Cooperation, planning ahead and adequate availability of PPE is critical. Thinking about the needs of maternity providers to prevent stress and burnout is essential. Emotional and psychological support needs to be available throughout the response. Prioritising food, rest and exercise are important. Healthcare workers are every country's most valuable resource and maternity providers need to be supported to provide the best quality care they can to women and newborns in exceptionally trying circumstances. (Author) (Overview)

**Available from:** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wombi.2020.03.011>

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**20200505-20**

**Call of duty.** Jackson H, (2020). Midwives , vol 23, April 2020, p 18.

Why I'm leaving the RCM and going back to clinical practice. (Author) (Professional experience)

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**20200505-19**

**Top tips for returning to practice.** McAree T, (2020). Midwives , vol 23, April 2020, pp 16-17.

Trixie McAree, former HoM Birmingham Women and Children's NHS Foundation Trust and current Professor of Midwifery and Maternal Health at Birmingham City University, shows how to go back with confidence. (Author) (Commentary)

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**20200505-17**

**How can I help?.** Rogers H, (2020). Midwives , vol 23, April 2020, p 12.

Helen Rogers discusses the options facing students who want to offer their support. (Author) (Overview)

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**20200505-16**

**COVID-19.** Sorby A; Tyler S, (2020). Midwives , vol 23, April 2020, pp 8-9.

Employment relations advisor Alice Sorby and director for services to members Suzanne Tyler answer your questions. (Author) (Overview)

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**20200505-15**

**Ask the experts.** Ross-Davie R, (2020). Midwives , vol 23, April 2020, pp 6-7.

Everything you want to know about continuing clinical care in the COVID pandemic. Mary Ross-Davie answers your frequently asked questions. (Author) (Overview)

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**20200505-8\***

**Protecting Midwives to Sustain Care for Women, Newborns and their Families in the COVID-19 Pandemic.** International Confederation of Midwives; United Nations Population Fund, (2020). The Hague, The Netherlands: International Confederation of Midwives , 5 May 2020, 6 pages.

Joint statement on the protection of midwives during the COVID-19 pandemic. Calls for the availability of personal protective equipment (PPE), the inclusion of midwives in policy making, the suspension of re-deployment of midwives and the proper funding of maternal health services. The authors also call for

governments and organisations to uphold women's sexual and reproductive rights, and to uphold the right to a positive birthing experience. (LDO) (Position statement)

**Available from:** <https://www.internationalmidwives.org/assets/files/news-files/2020/05/call-to-action-5eb0b4ee47deb.pdf>

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#### **20200504-8\***

**Midwives in a pandemic: A call for solidarity and compassion.** O'Connell M; Crowther S; Ravalidi C; et al, (2020). Women and Birth: Journal of the Australian College of Midwives , vol 33, no 3, May 2020, pp 205-206.

This editorial discusses challenges for midwives during COVID-19 and the lessons that can be learned from the SARS, Ebola and H1N1 outbreaks. The authors encourage midwives to maintain their well-being and reduce the risk of developing post-traumatic stress disorder. (LDO) (Editorial)

**Available from:** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wombi.2020.03.008>

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#### **20200501-2\***

**RCM Position Statement: Deployment of midwifery staff .** Royal College of Midwives, (2020). London: RCM , April 2020.

Position statement from the Royal College of Midwives explaining why it is strongly opposed to any deployment of midwives or MSWs to covid-positive areas outside of maternity. (JSM) (Position statement)

**Available from:** [https://www.rcm.org.uk/media/3891/rcm-statement-on-redeployment.pdf?dm\\_i=4YCH,BX34,3PNLW0,1BOI2,1](https://www.rcm.org.uk/media/3891/rcm-statement-on-redeployment.pdf?dm_i=4YCH,BX34,3PNLW0,1BOI2,1)

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#### **20200501-1\***

**Vaccine Update.** Public Health England, (2020). London: PHE , no 307, April 2020, pp 1-14.

A special edition of Vaccine Update to mark World Immunization Week (WIW), which this year runs from 26th-30th April, and is the World Health Organization's annual celebration of immunisation, best practice, new advances and the work of immunisers, held with the aim of promoting the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages from disease, reflected in the name of this year's theme #VaccinesWork for All. In this, The International Year of the Nurse and Midwife, WHO and Public Health England acknowledge the crucial role played by nurses and midwives as advocates of vaccination throughout the life course. Includes sections on the delivery of immunisation services during the coronavirus pandemic, and vaccinations offered during the antenatal and postnatal periods. (JSM) (Overview)

**Available from:**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/882560/PHE\\_11\\_652\\_VU\\_307\\_April\\_2020.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/882560/PHE_11_652_VU_307_April_2020.pdf)

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#### **20200428-13\***

**Coronavirus (Covid-19): Information and advice.** Nursing and Midwifery Council, (2020). London: Nursing and Midwifery Council , 27 April 2020.

We've put together this guide to address some common questions about our role as a regulator when it comes to novel coronavirus (Covid-19). (Author) (Guidelines)

**Available from:** <https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/coronavirus/>

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#### **20200428-12\***

**Joint statement on expanding the nursing and midwifery workforce in the Covid-19 pandemic.** Nursing and Midwifery Council, (2020). London: Nursing and Midwifery Council , 2 April 2020.

Update in relation to expanding the nursing and midwifery workforce in the Covid-19 pandemic. (Author) (Position statement)

**Available from:** <https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/joint-statement-on-expanding-the-nursing-and-midwifery-workforce-in-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

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#### **20200428-11\***

**Blog: Employers and the Covid-19 response – the NMC is here to help.** Sutcliffe A, (2020). London: Nursing and Midwifery Council , 9 April 2020.

An update from Andrea on our Covid-19 information hub and guidance for employers. (Author) (Blog)

**Available from:** <https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/employers-guidance/>

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**20200428-10\***

**Blog: Helping nurses, midwives and nursing associates through the**

**Coronavirus pandemic.** Sutcliffe A, (2020). London: Nursing and Midwifery Council , 27 April 2020.

An update from Andrea on what we're doing to support the professionals on our register. (Author) (Blog)

**Available from:** <https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/blog-helping-nurses-midwives-and-nursing-associates-through-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

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**20200427-6\***

**Joint statement on expanding the nursing and midwifery workforce in the**

**Covid-19 outbreak.** Nursing & Midwifery Council, (2020). Nursing and Midwifery Council , 25 March 2020.

Update in relation to midwifery and nursing students in all fields, who are not in the final six months of their programme. (Author) (News item)

**Available from:** <https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/joint-statement-update-for-students-not-in-final-six-months-covid/>

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**20200427-5\***

**NMC statement on personal protective equipment during the Covid-19**

**pandemic.** Nursing & Midwifery Council, (2020). Nursing and Midwifery Council , 14 April 2020.

Key points to help nurses and midwives put the Code into practice and exercise their professional judgment during the Covid-19 pandemic. (MB) (News item)

**Available from:** <https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/nmc-statement-on-personal-protective-equipment-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

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**20200408-12\***

**Supporting Nurses and Midwives across the UK and Nursing Associates (England only) in the event of a COVID-19 epidemic in the UK .**

Chief Nursing Officers of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales; Council of Deans of Health; Nursing and Midwifery Council; et al, (2020). London: NHS England and NHS Improvement , 12 March 2020.

A joint statement from the Chief Nursing Officers of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, The Nursing and Midwifery Council, Royal College of Midwives and partners across the health and social care sector, describing the steps being taken to support nurses and midwives during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. (JSM) (Consensus statement)

**Available from:** <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/joint-nm-letter-12-march-2020.pdf>

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**20200408-11\***

**Information for students and educators: Coronavirus (Covid-19):**

**Information and advice.** Nursing & Midwifery Council, (2020). London: NMC , 3 April 2020.

While the Covid-19 emergency is ongoing, the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) wants to make sure students near the end of their programme are able to support the workforce, while ensuring all their learning outcomes are met. NMC has developed emergency standards for nursing and midwifery programmes, to address the pressures on health and social care during this extraordinary period. These standards aim to provide approved education institutions and practice learning partners with the flexibility to enable students within the final six months of their pre-registration nursing and midwifery programmes to complete their training within clinical placements. This will enable these students to help support the workforce, and make use of the knowledge and skills that they have developed, while still meeting all their learning outcomes. The emergency standards also allow flexibility in the way students are supervised, ensuring that they have the appropriate support, supervision, teaching and assessment during this period to enable them to provide safe and effective care. And they ensure other student nursing and midwifery groups can continue with their nursing and midwifery programme of study and support the workforce where possible. (Author, edited) (Guidelines)

**Available from:** <https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/coronavirus/temporary-registration/>

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**20200406-1\***

**Coronavirus: Tributes paid to 'caring' midwife Lynsay Coventry.** BBC News, (2020). BBC News , 6 April 2020.

The family of a midwife who died after contracting coronavirus have paid tribute to the "wonderful and caring mum, sister, daughter and grandmother". (Author) (News item)

**Available from:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-52177526>

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**20200403-3\***

**Protecting yourself appropriately during the coronavirus pandemic .** Royal College of Midwives, (2020). London: RCM , April 2020.

Presents health and safety advice from the Royal College of Midwives for all those caring for pregnant and labouring women during the current COVID-19 outbreak. (JSM) (Guidelines)

**Available from:** [https://www.rcm.org.uk/media/3839/rcm-ppe-wraparound-guidance\\_.pdf](https://www.rcm.org.uk/media/3839/rcm-ppe-wraparound-guidance_.pdf)

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**20200402-63\***

**Abortion: Coronavirus (COVID-19) [written answer].** Scottish Parliament, (2020). Official Report , Written question S5W-28065, 24 March 2020.

Joe FitzPatrick responds to a written question from Monica Lennon to the Scottish Government, regarding the possibility of nurses and midwives being allowed to sign-off abortion procedures during the COVID-19 crisis. (LDO) (Parliamentary question)

**Available from:**

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-28065>

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**20200402-43\***

**Abortion: Coronavirus (COVID-19) [written answer].** Scottish Parliament, (2020). Official Report , Written question S5W-28061, 24 March 2020.

Joe FitzPatrick responds to a written question from Monica Lennon to the Scottish Government, regarding the possibility of allowing one doctor, nurse or midwife to certify abortion procedures directly during the COVID-19 crisis. (LDO) (Parliamentary question)

**Available from:**

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-28061>

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**20200326-42\***

**COVID-19 virus infection and pregnancy: Occupational health advice for employers and pregnant women during the COVID-19 pandemic [Last updated 27 April 2020].** Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists; Royal College of Midwives, (2020). Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) , 26 March 2020.

Guidance on COVID-19 in pregnancy and recommendations for pregnant healthcare workers. (LDO) (Briefing paper)

**Available from:** <https://www.rcog.org.uk/globalassets/documents/guidelines/2020-03-26-covid19-occupational-health.pdf>

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**20200324-1\***

**Covid-19: doctors in final trimester of pregnancy should avoid direct patient contact.** Rimmer A, (2020). BMJ , vol 368, no 8239, 23 March 2020, m1173.

Reports that women who are more than 28 weeks pregnant should avoid direct contact with patients, advice comes from updated guidance from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG), the Royal College of Midwives, and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. (MB) (News item)

**Available from:** <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.m1173>

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