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Income Data Service

- 87% of midwives frequently or always worked more than their contracted hours
- More than half said that none of these hours were paid
- 82.2% of midwives reported that they were dissatisfied with the quality of care they could give
- Only 29.7% of midwives would recommend their career as an occupation

Survey of 775 midwives 2012 IDS

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Maternity Policies

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…the battle for humane care

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Birthplace in England

- The evidence supports the policy of offering 'low risk' women a choice of birth setting.
- FMUs and AMUs appear to be safe for babies and offer benefits to both the mother and baby
- For multiparous women, home births appear to be safe for babies and offer benefits to both the mother and baby
- The substantially lower incidence of major interventions, including intrapartum caesarean section, in all three non-OU settings has potential future benefits to both the woman and the NHS in terms of avoiding surgical complications and reducing the need for repeat caesarean sections in future births.

Perinatal and maternal outcomes by planned place of birth for healthy women with low risk pregnancies: the Birthplace in England national prospective cohort study. Birthplace in England Collaborative Group, BMJ. 2011 Nov 23;343:

Summary on NHS Choices web site about the implications of the Birthplace in England Study.

http://www.nhs.uk/news/2011/11November/Pages/hospital-births-home-births-compared.aspx

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Secretary of State for Health
the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP … and friend

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Commitments in England

In the course of 2012 to:

- Retain student midwife numbers
- One to one care in labour
- Choice of place of birth
- Continuity
- A named midwife for every woman
- Improved services around the detection of postnatal depression
- A focus on the quality of services for parents experiencing miscarriage and stillbirth
- A further CQC survey

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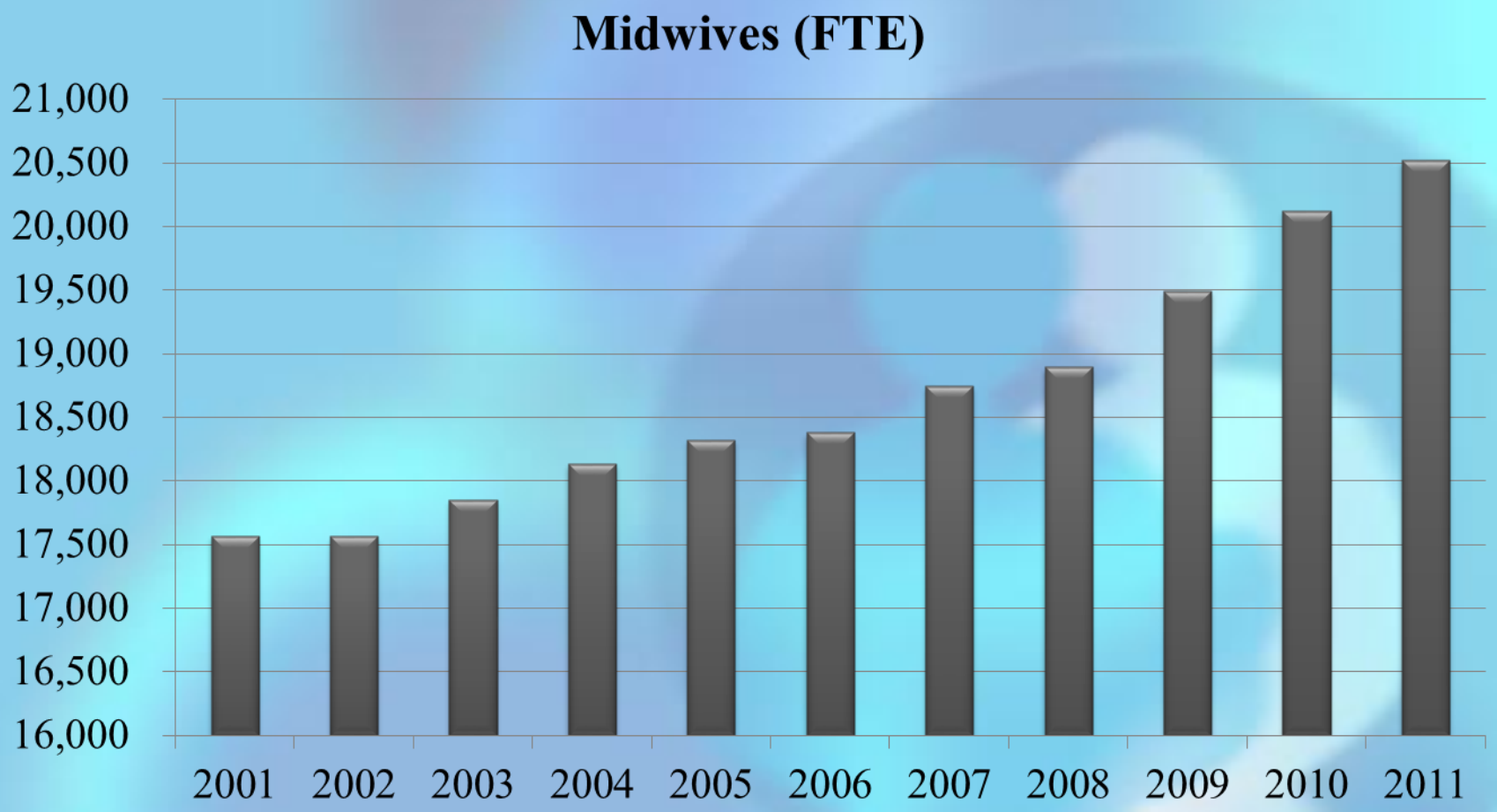
Midwife numbers England



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Getting Better!

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Reconfigurations

Units in England	OU	AMU	FMU
January 2002	191	23	56
October 2007	180	26	56
December 2010	177	53	59
October 2012	166	78	61
% change	-13%	239%	9%

Data courtesy of Birthchoice UK

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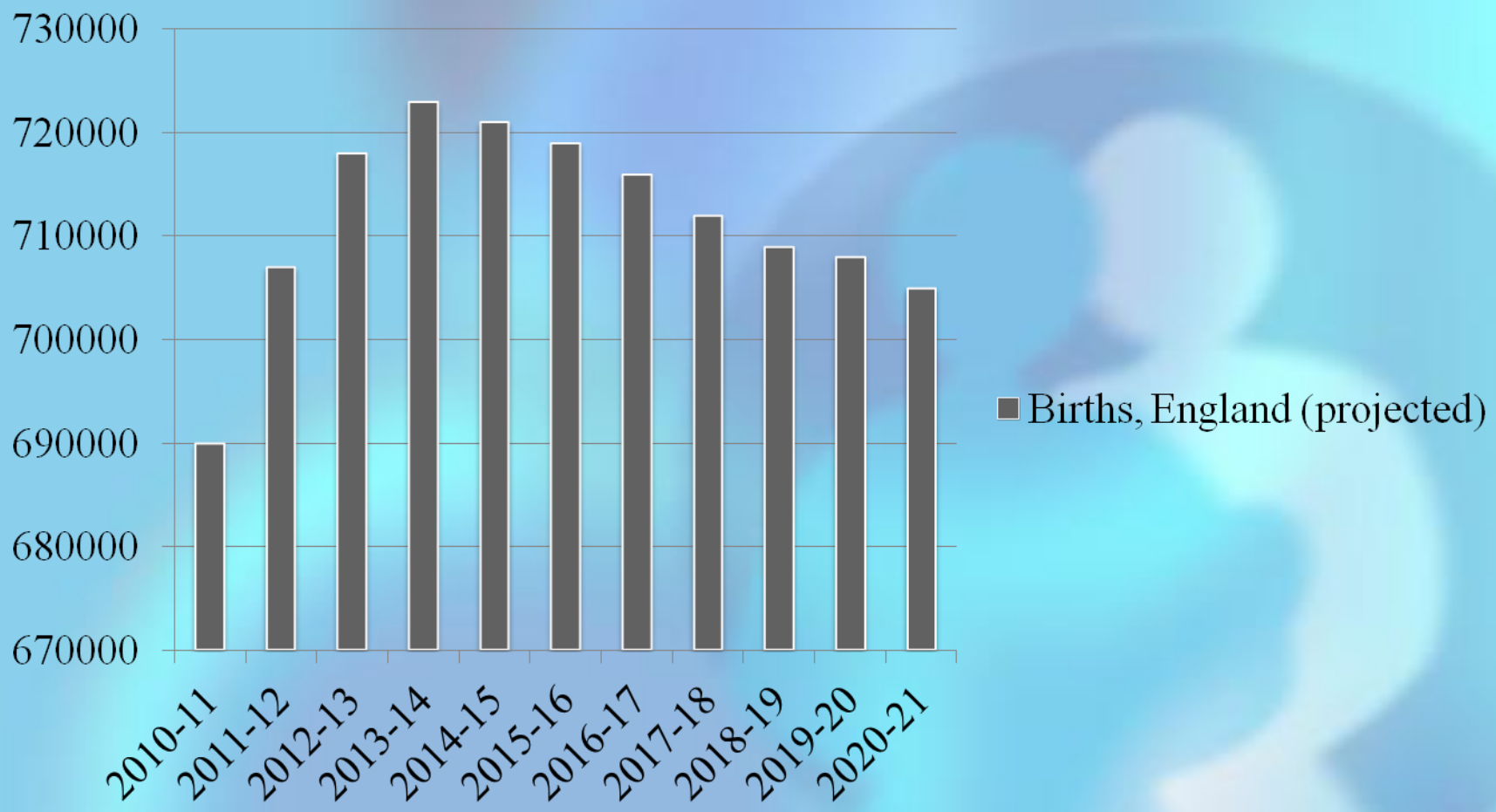
Baby boom projected to continue



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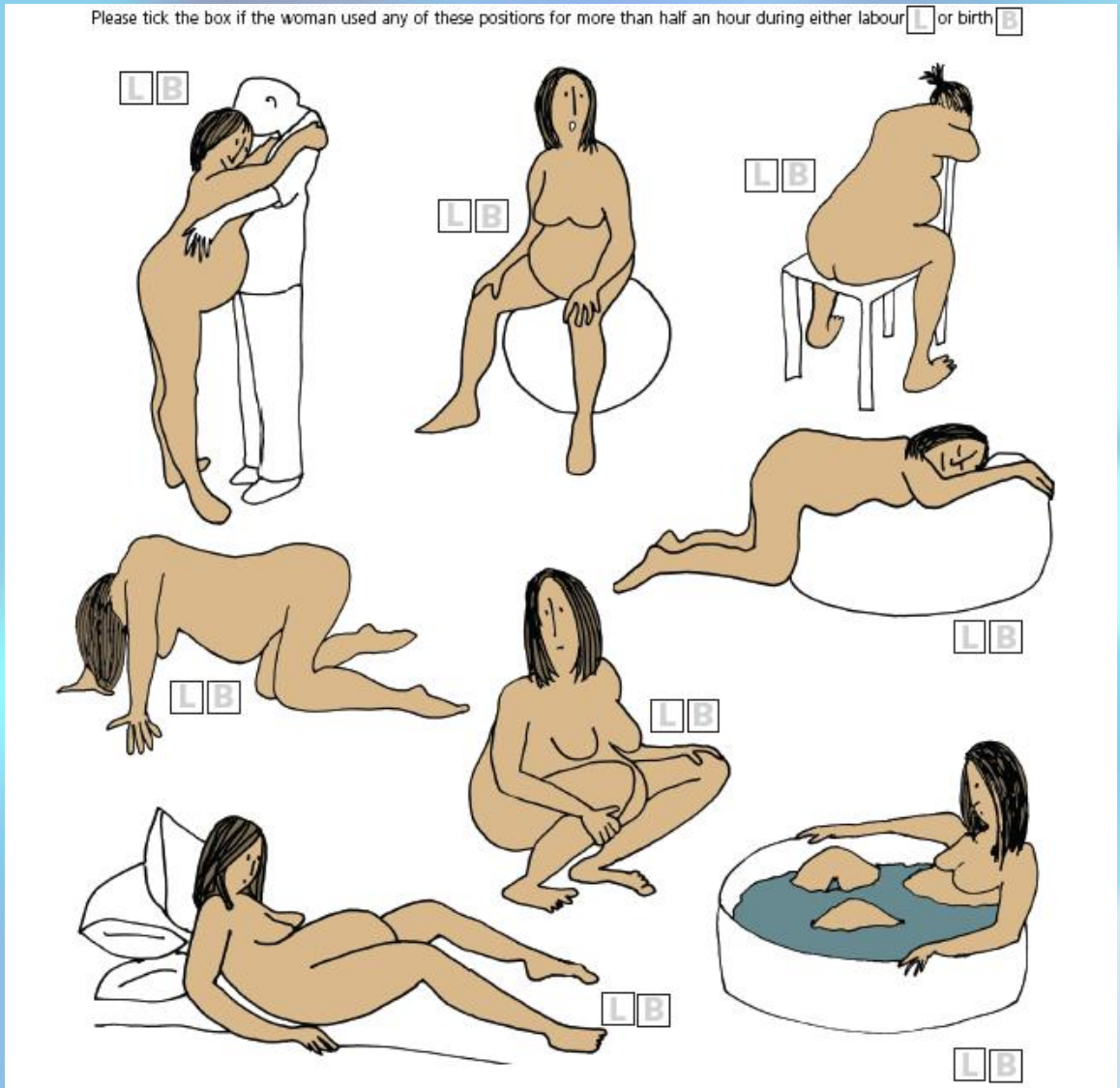
Is our practice evidence-based?
An RCM audit of positions in labour said 'no'.



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Is our service achieving that of others? Homebirth stats suggest not.

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Do we always treat each other as part of a team?

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Respect

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