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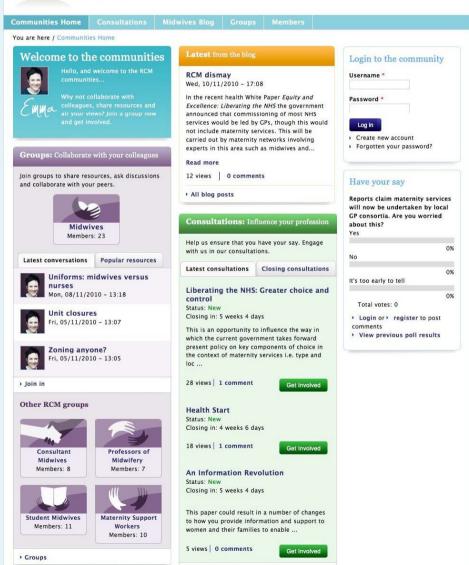








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Midwives Members: 23

Whether you're newly qualified, been practising for years or even retired, this is the group for

Join the Midwives group



Student Midwives Members: 11

This group is for any RCM student midwife member, whether you're a diploma or degree student, direct entry or not.

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Consultant Midwives Members: 8

Are you a consultant midwife with strategic, clinical, research and educational training remits? This group is for all consultant midwives.

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Professors of Midwifery Members: 7

As leaders in midwifery education and research, this group is solely for the country's professors of midwifery.

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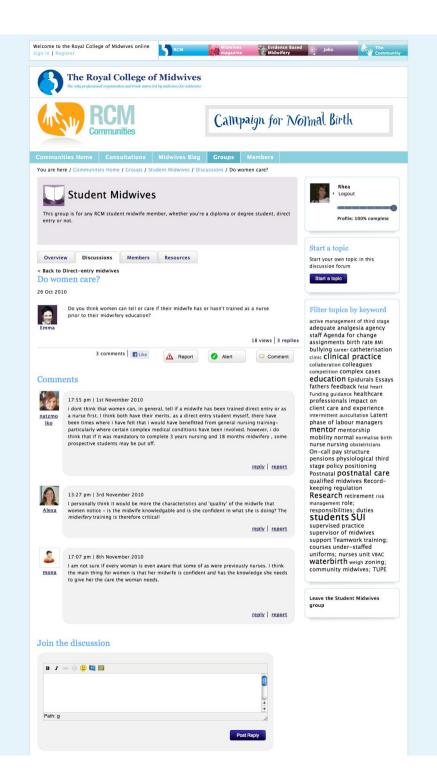




Maternity Support Workers Members: 10

This group is for all those who work closely with their midwife colleagues providing maternity support caring for mothers and babies.

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Midwives Blog



RCM dismay

10th November 2010



In the recent health White Paper Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS the government announced that commissioning of most NHS services would be led by GPs, though this would not include maternity services. This will be carried out by maternity networks involving experts in this area such as midwives and obstetricians. The RCM welcomed and supported this model of

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A smile will do

5th November 2010



Life is busy, difficult, fraught... Things don't always go the way you would hope... Others say and do things you don't like or agree with... Sometimes people don't react the way you want ... They forget, they are tired, they are struggling with life - something personal, something at work... We can all appreciate every one of these sentiments in some form or another, at one time or another, but what, I guess you're wondering, am I getting at?

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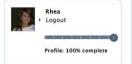
Is that formula milk?

26th October 2010



What's your first thought when you see this picture of David Cameron? Immediate outrage? He's formula feeding at six weeks... That's not following the Department of Health's advice of breastfeeding for the first six months. But wait, what if it's expressed breastmilk? The collective sigh of relief is almost

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Some of the questions posted in the student group...

Q: Do you think women can tell or care if their midwife has or hasn't trained as a nurse prior to their midwifery education? Q: Are students being over-utilised in under-staffed hospital environments? Is learning/support being compromised as students fill gaps in the workplace instead of qualified midwives?

Q: What is the policy at your trust on women with epidurals? Can they change position? Can they mobilise? Are they automatically catheterised?

Q: Would you feel confident and competent at a waterbirth or a physiological third stage? Do you think you lack experience in 'normality'?

Q: With the increased student intake, do you feel there are enough mentors to support you in clinical practice?

Q: Does an ability to write a good essay make a good midwife?



My question to you:

What would you like to post? Why not log on, create a profile and get involved, and help make the student group a success.

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