



## **LSA Annual Report April 2005 – March 2006**

- 1. Each local supervising authority will ensure their report is made available to the public.**
  - The annual report is available to MSLC. We are exploring the development of a local website which will contain information relating to the supervision of midwives. The report is discussed at the MSLC following submission.
- 2. Supervisor of midwives appointments, resignations and removals.**

	2005/2006	2004/2005
Number of Supervisors of Midwives	9	8
Number of new appointments	1	0
Numbers of resignations	0	0
Number of deselections	0	0
Number of sabbaticals	2	2

- 3. How are midwives provided with continuous access to a supervisor of midwives?**
  - There is an on-call rota covering 24 hours. If named SOM not available, a midwife can contact any other SOM. All midwives are given a booklet with information regarding supervision which contains names and contact details of SOM's/Link SOM/LSAMO. (booklet enclosed)
  - There has not been a situation where a midwife has been unable to contact a SOM.
- 4. How is the practice of midwives supervised?**
  - Midwives are encouraged to meet annually with their named supervisor of midwives.
  - Supervisors of midwives meet monthly to discuss issues relating to supervision, homebirths and clinical risk. This meeting is chaired by the Link SOM.
  - Supervisors meet regularly with the LSAMO as she attends most of the monthly supervisor of midwives' meetings.

- Midwives have access to a supervisor of midwives 24 hours a day;
- There is a supervisor of midwives on the maternity services clinical risk group;
- Supervisors of midwives are involved in policy and guideline development;
- A programme of supervised practice is arranged for midwives on an individual basis if required. The Link SOM and LSAMO are involved in discussions when arranging this;
- All midwives are reminded to submit an ITP form when they commence employment. They are then allocated a supervisor of midwives.
- Midwives are invited to discuss an alternative choice of SOM if they prefer.
- There have been no midwives undergoing supervised practice.

#### **5. Service user involvement in monitoring supervision of midwives and assisting the local supervising authority midwifery officer with the annual audits**

- MSLC service users are drafting an audit to be undertaken. A supervisor of midwives will be invited to speak at the local MSLC to discuss user involvement in the supervision of midwives. The MSLC have been asked for user interest in this and discussions will take place at the MSLC in September, as to how best to engage with supervision. The Scottish Health Council Performance Assessment framework will routinely report on service user involvement. We can provide evidence of this on an annual basis.

#### **6. Engagement with higher education institutions in relation to midwifery education programmes**

- The link lecturer from HEI is on site weekly and meets 3-monthly with service leads/HEI. The LSAMO and/or SOM are involved in review Student Midwife placements, educational opportunities, programme development.

#### **7. New policies related to the supervision of midwives**

- Our Homebirth guidelines//protocols under review. To be completed by Autumn 2006.

#### **8. Developing trends affecting midwifery practice in the LSA**

- Increasing numbers of midwife sonographers trained locally to implement National recommendations on USS.
- Clinical activity static over this reporting year.

- NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (QIS) review due April 2006.

**9. Complaints regarding the discharge of the supervisory function**

- There were no complaints.

**10. Local supervising authority investigations undertaken during the year**

- No investigations were undertaken.

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