

Core brief

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Today is International Day of the Midwife and [Dr Margaret McGuire, Director of Nursing](#), celebrates and praises our midwives for the excellent person centred care they all provide to women and their families every day.

This past year during the COVID-19 pandemic midwives have met extraordinary circumstances and have put their patients first, continuing to provide excellent care to women and their families. Today is their day to celebrate!

With social distancing still very much a part of our daily lives we are encouraging staff to celebrate on social media this year. Join in the celebrations, share your stories and show your support for our midwives by following our celebrations on Twitter @NHSGGC.



We also hear from a couple of our dedicated midwives who explain why they love the job and what it's like caring for women and their families during what is a very special time for them.

[Sandi Reilly, Senior Charge Midwife](#) at the QEUH, said: “COVID has had a huge impact on maternity services, the team here have been exemplary, they have stepped up to the mark, and at a moment's notice, covered sickness through COVID or people who have been shielding from our ward. They have put their own families aside and put the care of our women and babies ahead of them and we'll be forever grateful for that.”



[Jen Johansson, Charge Midwife](#) at the PRM, has wanted to be a midwife since she was 14 or 15 years old. Jen did a week's work experience at Rottenrow, completed her midwifery training and has loved every minute of her 15 years in the job so far. Jen said: “We get to spend a lot of time with women and their families, getting to know them, especially in the labour wards. You have that special rapport with women and you are ensuring the safe arrival of their precious life, it's amazing.”



Social distancing is everyone's responsibility

Stick to the allowed occupancy when using lifts -
check the information displayed beside the lift.



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