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Subject: Midwifery students & vacancies for newly qualified midwives

REQUEST & RESPONSE

I would like to ask, as a FOI request, for each maternity unit in your trust

1. What is the name of your maternity unit?

Whiston and Ormskirk Maternity Units at MWL

2. How many 3rd year midwifery students do you have doing their clinical placement in your maternity unit, this academic year 2025-6?

33 in total across sites

3. How many vacancies do you expect to have for newly qualified midwives in September 2026?

We don't have any vacancies at present.

4. How many vacancies do you expect to have in September - December 2026 for newly qualified midwives?

Unknown

5. What communications have you sent to your 3rd year midwifery students to inform them about expected job opportunities when they qualify?

Nothing as yet as no posts released

6. If and when there are vacancies for newly qualified midwives, are midwives who trained at your trust/unit automatically offered a job without an interview / guaranteed an interview / not guaranteed a job nor an interview?

We had previously guaranteed our own students an interview until the 2025 recruitment cycle when they were not, many of our students applied but were not shortlisted for interview.

7. How many Band 5 newly qualified midwives have been recruited in your unit since September 2025?

<5

8. How many of those are on permanent contracts?

They are all on permanent contracts.

8. How many of those are on short-term contracts?

None are on short-term contracts.

9. How many of those are full-time?

<5

10. How many of those are part-time?

<5