

Module 9: Developments & Services

In March 2016, bump2babe sent a comprehensive survey to the 19 maternity hospitals/units and 2 midwifery-led units in Ireland. Responses were returned between March 2016 and May 2017 and can be found on the website www.bump2babe.ie. Private Midwives completed the same survey documents in May 2017 and we have presented them here.

The information provided here is as was provided to us Private Midwives but please check with your caregiver to see if there have been any recent changes to services, policies or practices.

Blank spaces indicate no information was provided.

	County	
	Unit or hospital name	Private Midwives Ireland
Person completing the survey	Name	Liz Halliday
	Title	Deputy Head of Midwifery
	Contact details and working hours (in case we need to contact you for clarification)	liz@privatemidwives.com
Please comment on the services the unit/hospital provides and/or any developments in each of the following areas:		
Capital expenditure planned (expansion, relocation, upgrading works etc.)		
Planned or mooted reduction or withdrawal of maternity services in the area		No planned reduction in the service.
Service user charter or similar document pertaining to the Patient Charter and/or the new Maternity Services Strategy		
Unit/hospital policy on Open Disclosure		
Participation in the HSE's 'Your Service, Your Say' scheme		No. We are not under HSE leadership
Mission statement		We aim to ensure that the best quality maternity service is available in partnership with women and their families. We believe in promoting choice, control and continuity of carer in a 1:1 caseloading model. We provide evidence-based care and encourage informed consent at all levels. Our care is truly woman-centred, and our midwives are committed to providing the highest standard of care to our clients.
Awards received in recent years		

Status of the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative and time frame for achievement	Not participating	We are unable to participate as we are not considered an institution
	Certificate of participation / membership	
	Certificate of commitment	
	Assessed and designated as a BFH	
	Timeframe for achievement	
Training on and adherence to the International Code of Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes		20-hour breastfeeding course and ongoing CPD. We are committed to adhering to the code.
Breastfeeding awareness & promotional activities run by the unit		Antenatal education. Positive breastfeeding articles promoted on social media.
Pre-conceptual services: advice on optimal health / fertility before pregnancy		Yes
Family planning		Discussed postnatally and before discharge
Genetic counselling		Referral if appropriate
Sterilisation		Referral is appropriate
Incontinence		Referral to hospital and recommendations regarding private services in the area
Consumer representation (please give details including committee titles)		
Is there a Maternity Service Liaison Committee? If so, what is the proportion of recent service users (< 5 years) on this committee?		No
Home birth services provided by the unit/hospital (please give details)		Homebirths are facilitated and most of our clients avail of same.
DOMINO care		We provide antenatal and postnatal care for women who wish to birth in hospital, we can provide non-clinical support in hospital with permission from the hospital.
Early transfer home		We are happy to support clients postnatally and to take early transfer home if the hospital is supportive
Midwifery-led care		All care
Affiliation to the direct entry midwifery programme, BSc midwifery programme, higher diploma / postgraduate programme, return to midwifery programme etc.		We are happy to facilitate elective placements for all students
Postnatal depression/ perinatal mental health		24-hour support and referral to appropriate body
Publication of a widely available consumer accessible annual report		We publish an annual report
Participation in clinical audit (2011-2016)		Clinical audit is performed on a yearly basis

Participation in research studies (2011-2016)	We are participating in a research study with UCD
Participation in clinical trials (2011-2016)	
Infection control	Clinical audit yearly, infection control guidelines are updated regularly
Continuing education for staff	Mandatory yearly and 2 yearly CPD on a variety of topics
Provision of full information for women on benefits and risks of routine policies and practices	Our policy is for full informed consent of all care. Guidelines are available and midwives discuss current evidence with clients
Review of clinical guidelines (by whom, frequency, involvement of consumers etc.)	Guidelines are reviewed yearly, or with the publication of reports such as EmBRACE, NICE guidelines or new evidence.
Please list changes made in 2011-2016 to clinical guidelines for routine care and common conditions	All of our guidelines were updated in 2016 in line with new recommendations and evidence, including all routine care, VBAC, hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, sepsis, anaemia, pre-labour rupture of membranes, Group B Strep, Gestational Diabetes, prolonged pregnancy, breech, jaundice, hypoglycaemia of the infant, perineal trauma, meconium stained liquor, fetal growth, stillbirth, medications and informed consent.
Other relevant information	Ongoing audit and clinical governance structure.