

Monthly Midwife: Birth ratio – worked – this calculation will provide the midwife to birth ratio for the month based on the actual availability of clinical midwives to provide care.

	IN	OUT
Midwives	All clinical midwives	Vacancy
	Bank / agency shifts worked in month	Long term sickness
		Midwives temporarily working non-clinically
Managers	Wards	HOM / DOM
	Clinics	Matrons
	Community	DS manager (supernumerary as per Safer Births)
Specialists	Clinical contribution (locally determined but most would have some but not necessarily rostered) The total clinical time can be worked out as a WTE for all specialists e.g., 10WTE who each work 0.2 clinical = 2WTE specialist contribution – just need to reduce if long term sick, vacant post etc	Non-clinical contribution for admin, audit, meetings etc Some specialists may have no clinical contribution such as Digital midwife, Governance / audit lead etc (still used in Escalation though)
Support workers / nurses / NNs / NAs	Clinical contribution of staff at bands 3&4 plus B5 nurses to PN care in all areas	Support workers at band 2 in any area and band 3 in any area other than PN care.

This will give WTE clinical midwives available for the month

Monthly actual numbers of births x 12 divided by WTE number of midwives = M:B ratio for month