

# *Are You Having a Baby?*

Would you consider sharing this special time with a midwifery student?

***How do I find out more?***

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### What is a midwife?

Midwives are qualified to provide care for women during pregnancy, labour, birth and after the birth. They specialise in normal pregnancy and birth and collaborate with other health professionals when complications arise. They may practice in hospitals, community health centres or in the home.

### What do midwifery students do?

As part of their education, midwifery students follow women through their pregnancy, birth and postnatal period under the direct supervision of a Registered Midwife. This provided a continuity of care experience for the student which is a requirement for registration. The students learn about women during pregnancy, birth and the first weeks with a new baby. This helps them to understand more of what midwifery is about and how they can better work with women.



### When you are linked with a midwifery student they will:

Come with you to antenatal appointments  
Support you and may contribute to your care during labour and the birthing experience  
Visit you within the first 6 weeks after your baby is born



### What are the benefits to you?

You will get to know the midwifery student who will offer you support throughout your antenatal, birthing and postnatal experience  
Sharing your thoughts and feelings over this time with a midwifery student will give you the opportunity to develop a 'one-to-one' relationship with someone you know can support you during your labour and birthing experience

## Remember.....

- You are in charge and can decide what you want to share with the student
- You can change your mind about having a student at any time. Your choices and maternity care will not be affected in any way
- A student can support you wherever you choose to birth

### Your midwifery student/student's details:

Name:

Contact:

Email:

**Please provide comments about your experience...**