



## UKMidSS Steering Group membership opportunities

The UK Midwifery Study System (UKMidSS) is currently seeking three senior midwives to join its Steering Group. UKMidSS was launched in 2015 and is a research infrastructure for carrying out national observational studies and surveys of practice in midwifery units. Currently, all alongside midwifery units (AMUs) and freestanding midwifery units (FMUs) in the UK contribute to UKMidSS studies. Published studies include a [national cohort study](#) investigating outcomes for women with higher BMI admitted to alongside midwifery units, a [national case control study](#) investigating risk factors for neonatal admission in babies born in alongside midwifery units, and a [national survey](#) describing midwifery unit admission criteria. Papers from four other studies have been submitted for publication or are currently in write-up. Our fifth national observational study is underway, investigating outcomes in women who are known to have diabetes (either gestational or pre-existing) in pregnancy and are admitted to a midwifery unit for labour care.

Due to the retirement of a number of our Steering Group members, we are now seeking a senior midwife with significant research experience and two further senior midwives, one from Scotland and one from Wales, to join the multi-disciplinary UKMidSS Steering Group. The Steering Group meets three times a year (either face-to-face in Oxford or virtually) and provides overall strategic direction and governance for the programme, monitoring progress of ongoing studies and planning future studies. Membership of the Steering Group is not remunerated, but travel expenses are paid and contributions to the group may be considered part of continuing professional development. Retired members of the Steering Group will be available for mentoring if necessary.

Expressions of interest will be considered against the following criteria.

- Evidence of awareness of or contribution to UKMidSS at a local level, e.g. reporting to or entering data for UKMidSS studies
- Experience of forging links within and beyond your professional group;
- Senior research, audit or clinical governance experience in maternity care;
- Experience of committee work (local or national).

For an informal discussion about this role please contact Alessandra Morelli, UKMidSS Research Midwife, [alessandra.morelli@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:alessandra.morelli@npeu.ox.ac.uk) or Rachel Rowe, Head of UKMidSS, [rachel.rowe@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.rowe@npeu.ox.ac.uk). If you would like to apply, please submit a two page CV (max) and a short covering letter to [ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ukmidss@npeu.ox.ac.uk) explaining why you are interested in this role.

**The closing date for expressions of interest is 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**