**BSc (HONS) MIDWIFERY**

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**Practice Module S1**

Practice Assessment

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**Introduction**

Practice placement areas in Yorkshire and the Humber provide students with a diverse and varied experience of midwifery practice. Six universities providing pre-registration midwifery programmes within the region are working in partnership to provide the best practice experience and to utilise all practice placement areas. To fully utilise the practice areas students could be allocated to practice placements throughout the region. This will mean that a sign-off mentor could be supporting the learning and assessment of students from any of the six universities. To support and assist students and sign-off mentors with the assessment process the Strategic Health Authority funded the development of a common practice assessment document.

This common assessment practice document records an individual student midwife’s progress towards becoming a registered midwife. Education programmes are designed to prepare students to practise safely and effectively so that on registration they can assume responsibility and accountability for their practice as midwives (NMC 2009).

The sign-off mentor and student should make sure all discussions, feedback, self-assessment and practice assessment are carefully recorded and documented within the common assessment document. Record keeping is an important part of midwifery education and should be viewed as integral process to supporting learning and assessment in practice. The best records are ones that are a product of consultation and discussion between healthcare professionals, lecturers and midwives supporting students in practice.

Any queries regarding the common assessment document or practice placement should be made to the individual University link lecturer or module team member. Also, information can be accessed related to sign-off mentors, supporting learning and assessment of students in individual University practice website or from the NMC publication Standards to support learning and assessment in practice(NMC 2008).

Instructions for use

In accordance with Standard 15 of the Standards for Pre-registration education (NMC, 2009), clinical practice must be graded and be counted as part of the academic award. This document should be completed alongside your portfolio which is a key assessment document which is used to records all clinical experience and assessments in practice throughout your three year programme.

This practice assessment is an important document. Its correct use will assist you in identifying and achieving learning needs, planning appropriate clinical activities and applying the theoretical aspects of the course to clinical practice.

Your portfolio will also provide the essential evidence of progress needed to pass the summative assessment of each practice module; demonstrate that the minimum amount of clinical experience required by the NMC has been achieved and by the end of the programme that the student has been assessed as competent in accordance with the European Legislation (80/155/EEC) and as amended by European Union Directive (89/594/EEC) and the Standards for pre-registration programmes (NMC, 2009).

**Responsibilities**

It is the **student’s** responsibility to produce evidence that the assessment criteria have been met.

It is the **sign-off mentor’s** responsibility to consider the validity and reliability of any evidence presented and to advise on any additional evidence required for appropriate assessment. When the available evidence does not clearly demonstrate achievement of the set criteria, the mentor should discuss the outcome with the link lecturer.

It is the **link lecturer’s** responsibility to monitor the consistency of the assessment process in clinical practice ensuring valid and appropriate assessment of practice. The link lecturer will support the assessment process through tripartite practice placement discussions/ interviews. If a student fails the practice module the link lecturer will inform the relevant module leader.

**Record of clinical/educational experience (diary pages)**

You are required to record brief details of educational and clinical activities undertaken as a part of the programme. This information will be used to demonstrate the engagement in sufficient clinical and educational activities to warrant the academic award. It will also be used to assist in identifying factors which may be hindering your progress.

**The learning contract**

During the programme you will undertake three practice modules. A new learning contract will be negotiated at the beginning of each module. The contracts are colour coded to denote the different practice modules.

The learning contract is negotiated between you and your sign-off mentor. The main purpose is to ensure you gain appropriate clinical experience, allowing the development and assessment of clinical skills directly related to the aspects of midwifery theory being studied.

The contract is divided into three activities:

* **Identify learning needs**: you should complete this section prior to the commencement of the placement.
* **Learning opportunities**: should be identified by you and your sign-off mentor together at the start of the placement.
* **Preliminary action plan:** should be completed by you and your sign-off mentor together at the start of the placement.

A statement is provided at the beginning of each activity which should help both you and the sign-off mentor to consider your individual learning needs and plan clinical activities accordingly.

###### Performance and skills outcomes

For each year of the programme a series of Performance and Skill Outcomes (PSOs) have been developed under the headings of the NMC Midwifery competencies. Also incorporated under these headings are the relevant Essential Skills Clusters (ESCs) and Professional Behaviours and Conduct (PBC) as described below:

**Midwifery competencies** (MC)

The midwifery competencies are specific standards which a student must achieve to be entered onto the NMC register as a midwife. The competencies relate to professional clinical care and fitness for practice to ensure that on registration a student can assume responsibility and accountability for their practice as a midwife.

**Essential skills clusters** (ESC)

The ESC were developed to clarify the expectations of the public and ensure pre-registration student midwives on registration are fit for practice; capable of safe and effective practice. It should be noted that the NMC continue to review the existing ESC and future additions may be made. The ESC is not a definitive syllabus and they do not encompass all the skills a student may be exposed too in practice. However, they do provide the public with assurance that specific areas of skills are assessed prior to registration.

**Professional Behaviour and Conduct** (PBC)

The Professional Behaviour and conduct elements are based on The Code for Nurses and Midwives (NMC 2015)**.** The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) require that midwives ensure the highest standards of professional behaviour and conduct (NMC 2015). Although these standards are for qualified midwives it is good practice for the student and sign-off mentor to review and consider a student’s professional behaviour and conduct during the placement. We would also encourage students and mentors to refer to the NMC (2015) Code for Nurses and Midwives. The sign-off mentor will assess your professional behaviour whilst on the placement area.

**Any concerns related to a student’s professional behaviour and conduct or clinical progress should be documented (on the Record of experience and feedback sheets) and highlighted to the link lecturer as soon as possible.**

**Practice skills record**

The aim of the practice skills record is to direct and record your learning in relation to the development of clinical skills, which are an essential part of midwifery practice. You must have completed all the skills by the end of the programme.

**Record of Experience and Feedback**

* If you have the opportunity to work with other members of the multi-professional team you are encouraged to ask the member of staff to complete a record of experience and feedback sheet as a testimony to inform the assessment learning process. There is no required number of feedback sheets to complete; however they should reflect your individual experience in practice. This must be used in a placement where the interim or final interview does not take place.

Learning Contract interviews

**Preliminary interview**

During the initial negotiation of your learning contract with your sign-off mentor, you will have identified those midwifery competencies which you should work towards within this practice module.

Once the initial contract has been agreed between you and your mentor, you should email a copy of the preliminary interview to the module leader. This must be received within 3 weeks of the date of the interview, otherwise your personal supervisor will be informed and a note will be made in your file. If you or your sign-off mentor express any concerns or uncertainty about the learning contract your link lecturer should be contacted as soon as possible.

**Interim interview**

For this assessment you are required to organise an interim interview which consists of a tripartite meeting / discussion between you, your sign-off mentor and link lecturer. In final learning period the link lecturer only needs to be involved if there are any concerns.

At the interim interview you and your sign-off mentor should consider whether satisfactory progress is being made towards the midwifery competencies identified within the **development plan** of the learning contract. On the interim interview page you should document the progress made and the sign-off mentor should indicate whether they are in agreement with your statement. The link lecturer oversees the review process and will document any discussion and comments as appropriate. **It is recommended that the grading practice assessment grid is utilised as a formative assessment to offer feedback on your level of performance at this stage.** This exercise will assist you and your mentor to identify further learning needs.

Following the interview you should consider what aspects of clinical practice you would like to develop and, if appropriate, negotiate a **revised action plan** with your sign-off mentor to facilitate your learning. The link lecturer will offer support or guidance on this process as appropriate.

It is recommended that you and your mentor document achievement of competence on an on-going basis with evidence of achievement recorded by you.

**Final interview**

At the end of each module an assessment of clinical practice is performed, this is termed the final interview. A link lecturer should be present at this interview if there have been any concerns expressed by either the student or sign off mentor. A random sample of final interviews will be attended by a link lecturer for all practice modules. This interview should be completed at the last possible point at the end of the learning period, the placement must be of 4 weeks or more.

**Prior to the meeting** the sign-off mentor should consult with other midwives that you have worked with in order to have a triangulated understanding of how you are performing. The sign-off mentor should read the record of experience and feedback forms. Also prior to the meeting, you and your mentor should review achievement of competence and your mentor should ensure that appropriate Performance and Skills Outcomes have been signed. You **must** undertake a self assessment of your performance using the appropriate grading practice marking grid.

**During the meeting**, the sign-off mentor and you will discuss progress in relation to your evidence of achievement in the learning contract, EC numbers and performance in the identified midwifery competency. This discussion may include questioning on a specific area of clinical practice or elements of theoretical knowledge to further support your evidence of clinical performance. You are encouraged to draw on the full range of clinical experience to support progress in clinical practice. This should include feedback from a woman who you have cared for; your sign off mentor should assist the woman to complete the relevant form. The sign off mentor will then complete the grading of your practice and give feedback on your performance and self evaluation. If you have not achieved a pass mark then an action plan will be developed. You will leave the meeting knowing whether you have passed or failed. In the event of failing the module, the reason will be made explicit (e.g. area of unsafe practice) and clearly documented. The grade will not be given until the examination process has been completed.

## Portfolio submission

You are required to submit your portfolio at the end of every practice module on the published submission date, to enable progress and experience to be collated and your grade processed. Please note that all relevant University regulations for the submission of summative work apply to the submission of portfolios. Further information can be found in the Student Handbook.

## Failure of Practice Module

If you have not achieved competence in the required performance and skills outcomes, and/or not achieved a pass mark, during the practice module, this constitutes a fail. The link lecturer will notify the relevant module leader. An action plan will be agreed by the sign-off mentor, link lecturer and you, which will be commenced at the start of another period of practice the timing and length of which is determined by the sign off mentor, link lecturer and module board. Should you fail to meet a pass standard at a second attempt this will normally result in recommendation for discontinuation from the programme.

This document should be treated like a clients records, and follow NMC guidance on Record Keeping (NMC 2015), therefore the use of corrective fluid is prohibited. It is a student’s responsibility to ensure that your sign off mentors has signed all the relevant areas and you should check that this is done accurately before you hand in the document. **Should completion of the document not meet the NMC guidance for record keeping, for example; the use of corrective fluid or a missed signature, then you will fail the module, regardless of the mark that you have been awarded.**

It is compulsory to complete a self assessment prior to interim and final interviews. If this is not done prior to the final interview then a 10% penalty will be applied. Should this lead to a mark of less than 40% then you will fail the module.

Sign-off Mentor Information

To meet the NMC (2008) *Standards to support learning and assessment in practice*, every NMC recognised sign-off mentor is required to demonstrate they meet the standards to be a sign-off mentor and mentor.

***Please note any sign-off mentor or mentor supporting a student’s learning and assessment in practice is required to complete the following information***: -

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 | 1. Trust policies and procedures
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| 1. Layout of practice environment/locality & lines of communication
 | 1. Practice specific policies and procedures
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| 1. Fire equipment, exits, alarm points and procedure(s)
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| 1. Emergency contact information and ‘bleep’ system
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| 1. Call bell system (if appropriate)
 | C. Additional issues relevant to practice placement: Please specify |
| 1. Accessed the Yorkshire& Humber SHA practice placement profile

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Preliminary interview

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| **Placement area** | **Date of placement**From: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ | **Date** |
| Name of assessing sign-off mentor | Name of liaison / link lecturer | **Number of practice hours to achieve during placement (where appropriate)** |

The first section ‘**identify learning needs’** will be completed by the student **prior** to the preliminary interview. The student should consider how they could develop in the placement and what they need to learn in order to progress towards meeting the identified competencies/skills/behaviour/learning outcomes. As these will be underpinned with theoretical knowledge it is important to consider the evidence needed to demonstrate knowledge and understanding. At the preliminary interview, the mentor will discuss the learning opportunities with the student and together they will explore how the learning identified can be achieved and agree a development plan. If there are any areas of concern identified, they should be documented and a plan agreed as to how these will be managed. The liaison/link lecturer may be contacted for support and guidance where relevant.

#### Learning agreement / contract

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| Identify learning needs (student reviews the descriptors for each of the competencies within this document, reflects on their current level of knowledge and skills and identifies their current learning needs) |
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| **Learning opportunities**(the student and mentor discuss the learning opportunities that are available in the placement area that will providethe student with the experience to meet their identified learning needs) |
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| **Development plan**(the student and mentor agree a plan that will enable the student to match the learning opportunities with their learning needs, in order to meet the requirements of the programme. Any concerns about meeting learning needs should be discussed and documented) |
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| **Preliminary action plan** (to include: nature and frequency of feedback, how they will achieve average of 40% per week or equivalent working together and planning for times when sign-off mentor may be unavailable due to annual leave or planned study time) |
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| **Provisional date for interim interview:** |

Learning contracts from previous practice modules/placements have seen and discussed (circle relevant answer)

Yes No

Sign-off mentor

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Print name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Student

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Print name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Liaison/Link lecturer (if appropriate)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Print name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Interim interview

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| **Placement area** | **Date of placement**From: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ | **Date** |
| Name of assessing sign-off mentor | Name of liaison/link lecturer | **Number of practice hours completed to date (where appropriate)** |
| **During the placement have there been any periods of sickness or absences? Yes/No**If yes please complete the section on student sickness and absence  |

Prior to the interim interview, the student will reflect on their progress to date by identifying what they have learnt and how they are progressing by revisiting the identified learning outcomes / competencies/essential skills/behaviour and development plan agreed at the preliminary interview. The mentor will identify any competency the student has achieved and/or progress made and discuss the student’s strengths or challenges during the practice experience. Together the mentor and student will evaluate the students learning opportunities to date and identify new targets for the remainder of the placement/module.

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| **Student’s reflection on progress** |
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| **Sign-off mentor’s reflection on student’s progress** |
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| **Identify areas for development /improvement** |
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| **Provisional date for final interview:** |

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| **Lecturer comments (if applicable)** |
| **Any difficulties/issues** Have any difficulties/issues been raised at this point Yes / NoIf yes has the link lecturer been informed Yes / No Name of link lecturer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date informed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Please note:** A link lecturer should be informed of any difficulties/issues a sign-off mentor, healthcare professional or student might have regarding a practice placement. Once the difficulties/issues have been recognized, explored and an action plan developed they will be comprehensively recorded within the common assessment document. Give brief details of the difficulties/issues which have been identified: |
| **Provisional date for final interview:** |

Sign-off mentor

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Print name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

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Liaison/Link Lecturer

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Print name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

(If applicable)

Process for grading and assessing practice

To guide a sign-off mentor with the process of grading a student the following marking grid should be considered and completed. The marking grid consists of **five sections**, with a maximum mark for each section of **20**. Each section is further divided into 3 or 4 sub-sections. When the sign-off mentor is grading the student each sub-section should be considered and a mark awarded out of 20. Three or four marks (out of 20) will be awarded for each sub-section – this is then divided by 3 or 4, to give an overall mark for the whole section out of 20. Once marks have been awarded to all sections an overall grade will be calculated.

For example: If a sign-off mentor awards marks of , 9, 12 and 12 for 1 section the mark would be 11 out of 20 (33 divided by 3). To calculate the final overall grade, all **5** sections should be considered and measured for example 11, 15, 14, 13, & 12 – overall grade 65/100. Marks are not always simply divided but may result in 12.5 etc. I these cases, marks that are for example 0.49 and below will be rounded down and those of 0.5 and above will be rounded up.

*\*****Please note if any of the marks awarded are in the 0-7 (Fail/unsafe) category on the marking grid the student fails the placement assessment***

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| **14 - 20** | A student who is judged to have reached an outstanding **exceptional** standard: is able to consistently explain rationale underpinning practice and make connections between more complex theory; can discuss pertinent research underpinning practice and is beginning to implement evidence-based practice. The student actively participates in midwifery care with minimal supervision, planning most activities and leading on some with minimal prompts; responds appropriately and confidently in situations requiring urgency. The student involves women and their families in their care and are able to evaluate the effectiveness of the care; works as a dependable team member. Creates comprehensive and succinct records. | **Excellent pass** |
| **12 -13** | A student who is judged to have reached a **very high** standard: is able on most occasions to explain rationale underpinning practice and are beginning to make connections between more complex theory; can discuss some pertinent research underpinning practice and are beginning to apply evidence-based practice. The student participates in midwifery care with minimal supervision, planning some activities and leading on some with few prompts; responds appropriately in situations requiring urgency. The student often involves women and their families in their care and often evaluates the effectiveness of the care; works as a reliable member of the team and has achieved a very good standard of record keeping. | **Very good pass** |
| **10 - 11** | A student who is judged to have reached a **capable** standard: is able on some occasions to explain rationale underpinning practice and can make some connections between more complex theory with help; can discuss with support some pertinent research underpinning practice and recognises evidence-based practice. The student participates in midwifery care with minimal supervision; planning some activities under instruction and leading on some with support and prompts. The student responds suitably in situations requiring urgency. The student is able to involve women and their families in their care and beginning to evaluate the effectiveness of the care; works as a team member. A good standard of record keeping is demonstrated. | **Good pass** |
| **8 - 9** | A student who is judged to have reached a **reasonable** standard of performance: is considered safe and meets the minimal standard. The student has been observed to perform with hesitation; vaguely explains rationale underpinning practice, makes limited connections between more complex theory. Some degree of questioning and evidence based practice. With detailed instruction the student participates in midwifery care with minimal supervision; sometimes indecisive in familiar situations, requiring detailed instruction when planning and leading on activities. The student responds cautiously in situations requiring urgency; with detailed instruction begins to involve women and their families in their care and with prompts begins to evaluate the effectiveness of the care; works within the team. Adequate record keeping. | **Pass** |
| **0 - 7** | A student who is judged **not to have met the required standard**: has not achieved one or more of the competencies, essential skills, learning outcomes, professional behaviour and conduct associated with the placement/module. The student has weak underpinning knowledge, cannot explain rationale underpinning practice; has disorganised planning and implementation of care, unable to provide care under detailed instruction; close supervision required. The student does not work as part of a team and/or has inadequate record keeping. Even where all the learning outcomes have been met, a student who demonstrates unsafe practice will result in a fail overall.  | **Fail unsafe practice**  |

**Yorkshire and Humber Common Assessment Marking Grid**

Interim – Formative Assessment

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| **Grading of practice Marking Grid** |
| **Please note: If a student demonstrates unsafe practice they will fail the module even where competencies/essential skills clusters/professional behaviour and conduct/learning outcomes are achieved.** |
| **Student's name:** | **Student identification number:** | **Practice area**:  | **Date & time of assessment** |   |
| ***\*Please note if any of the marks awarded are in the 0-7 (fail/unsafe practice) category the student will fail the placement assessment*** |
|  |  |  **Excellent** |  **Very Good** |  **Good**  |  **Pass** | **\*Fail** unsafe practice |  | *Student self-assessment* |
| **Section 1: Team working and communication** |     | *14-20* | *12-13* | *10-11* | *8-9* | *\*0-7* |
| Demonstrates communication skills and ability to build a rapport with women and their family  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| Demonstrates skills and an ability to communicate effectively when working within the multi-professional team and across professional networks and boundaries |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| Demonstrates a professional approach to working as a healthcare student including punctuality and time keeping |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| Is attentive and acts with kindness and sensitivity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  **Total of the 4 marks ÷ 4 =**  | **Mark awarded** | **Mark Suggested** |
| **Section 2: Knowledge & application to practice** |  | *14-20* | *12-13* | *10-11* | *8-9* | *\*0-7* |  | *Student self-assessment* |
| Demonstrates the ability to identify, critically appraise and discuss sources of information and evidence relevant to current practice |  |  |   |   |   |  |   |
| Demonstrates underpinning knowledge and can apply this theory to practice |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| Explores practice and professional issues with colleagues |  |  |   |   |   |   |
|  **Total of the 3 marks ÷ 3 =**  | **Mark awarded** | **Mark Suggested** |
| **Section 3: Clinical skills & practice** |  | *14-20* | *12-13* | *10-11* | *8-9* | *\*0-7* |  | *Student self-assessment* |
| Demonstrates ability to perform clinical skills and procedures whilst maintaining environments that promote health, safety and well-being of women and others |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |
| Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of the meaning of informed consent and gains informed consent with minimal supervision |   |  |   |   |   |   |
| With minimal supervision demonstrates the ability to complete records that are accurate, legible and continuous, containing the necessary information and adheres to records and record keeping guidelines |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| **Total of the 3 marks ÷ 3 =**  | **Mark awarded** | **Mark Suggested** |
| **Section 4: Professional & ethical practice** |  | *14-20* | *12-13* | *10-11* | *8-9* | *\*0-7* |  | *Student self-assessment* |
| Identifies and relates professional codes, standards, conduct, behaviour, policies and guidelines to practice and protects the confidentiality of written and verbal information |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| Recognises individual’s preferences, right’s, interests, beliefs and culture |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Recognises the importance of ensuring and maintaining, safety, privacy, dignity, and respect |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Interacts with people in a manner that is interpreted as warm, sensitive, kind and compassionate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  **Total of the 4 marks ÷ 4 =**  | **Mark awarded** | **Mark Suggested** |
| **Section 5: Self development & reflection** |  | *14-20* | *12-13* | *10-11* | *8-9* | *\*0-7* |  | *Student self-assessment* |
| Reflects on practice recognising own strengths and limitations and seeks to improve skills and knowledge as a result. |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |
| Recognises the needs of others and can analyse the effectiveness of care, suggesting realistic alternatives where appropriate  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Seeks help and guidance as appropriate and responds constructively to feedback from the multi-professional team, women and their families |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| Reflects on practice recognising own strengths and limitations and seeks to improve skills and knowledge as a result. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  **Total of the 4 marks ÷ 4 =**  | **Mark awarded** | **Mark Suggested** |
| **Outcome of practice assessment**: |
| 1st attempt/2nd attempt(Please circle) | **Now Add up each of the 5 sections to find the total mark out of 100%**If the mark is 0.5 or above then round up to the next number.For example 41.5 = 42 | **Overall indicative mark awarded**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pass / Fail / Resubmission (Please circle) |
| **Signature of student** Print name Date |
| *I/We authorise that the student has met / not met (please circle) all of the performance outcomes (including competencies, essential skills clusters, professional behaviour and conduct) associated with this placement/module and that in my judgement has performed to the quality indicated.* Print name  **Signature/s of sign-off mentor/Mentors if Tripartite** Print name Date |
| I confirm that in my judgement assessment processes have been conducted appropriately**Signature of link lecturer (If appropriate)** Print name Date |
|  I confirm that the assessment process is comparable to that of other institutions**Signature of External Examiner (If appropriate)** Print name Date |
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Final interview

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| **Placement area** | **Date of placement**From: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ | **Date:** |
| Name of assessing sign-off mentor | Name of liaison/link lecturer | **Number of practice hours completed (where appropriate)** |
| **During the placement have there been any periods of sickness or absences? Yes/No****If yes please complete the section on sickness and absence**  |

The final interview should be undertaken in accordance with the student’s individual University and assessment processes. Prior to the final interview the student will complete the student’s evaluation identifying what they have learnt. The student and the sign-off mentor should revisit the learning objectives, development plan and intermediate interview to ensure the student has achieved all the learning outcomes for the placement. This should include exploring the sign-off mentor’s and student’s strengths or challenges during the practice experience and identify new targets for future placements.

During the final interview there should be no surprises. If a student is expected to fail the placement then a liaison/link lecturer should be present at this interview. If a student has attempted but been unsuccessful in achieving any of the placement learning outcomes or competencies the student will be deemed to have failed.

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| **Student’s evaluation of achievement** |
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| **Sign-off mentor summary of student’s performance** |
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| **Identified areas for development** |
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| **Action plan** |
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| **Liaison/Link lecturer comments (If applicable)** |
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| **Practice mark awarded** (If applicable) |

#### Midwifery competencies, essential skills clusters, professional behaviour and conduct

**Please note: The sign-off mentor signing the final interview is confirming that the student has achieved the requirements for the placement / module.**

**Yorkshire and Humber Common Assessment Marking Grid**

Final – Summative Assessment

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| **Grading of practice Marking Grid** |
| **Please note: If a student demonstrates unsafe practice they will fail the module even where competencies/essential skills clusters/professional behaviour and conduct/learning outcomes are achieved.** |
| **Student's name:** | **Student identification number:** | **Practice area**:  | **Date & time of assessment** |   |
| ***\*Please note if any of the marks awarded are in the 0-7 (fail/unsafe practice) category the student will fail the placement assessment*** |
|  |  |  **Excellent** |  **Very Good** |  **Good**  |  **Pass** | **\*Fail** unsafe practice |  | *Student self-assessment* |
| **Section 1: Team working and communication** |     | *14-20* | *12-13* | *10-11* | *8-9* | *\*0-7* |
| Demonstrates communication skills and ability to build a rapport with women and their family  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| Demonstrates skills and an ability to communicate effectively when working within the multi-professional team and across professional networks and boundaries |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| Demonstrates a professional approach to working as a healthcare student including punctuality and time keeping |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| Is attentive and acts with kindness and sensitivity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  **Total of the 4 marks ÷ 4 =**  | **Mark awarded** | **Mark Suggested** |
| **Section 2: Knowledge & application to practice** |  | *14-20* | *12-13* | *10-11* | *8-9* | *\*0-7* |  | *Student self-assessment* |
| Demonstrates the ability to identify, critically appraise and discuss sources of information and evidence relevant to current practice |  |  |   |   |   |  |   |
| Demonstrates underpinning knowledge and can apply this theory to practice |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| Explores practice and professional issues with colleagues |  |  |   |   |   |   |
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| Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of the meaning of informed consent and gains informed consent with minimal supervision |   |  |   |   |   |   |
| With minimal supervision demonstrates the ability to complete records that are accurate, legible and continuous, containing the necessary information and adheres to records and record keeping guidelines |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| **Total of the 3 marks ÷ 3 =**  | **Mark awarded** | **Mark Suggested** |
| **Section 4: Professional & ethical practice** |  | *14-20* | *12-13* | *10-11* | *8-9* | *\*0-7* |  | *Student self-assessment* |
| Identifies and relates professional codes, standards, conduct, behaviour, policies and guidelines to practice and protects the confidentiality of written and verbal information |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |
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| Interacts with people in a manner that is interpreted as warm, sensitive, kind and compassionate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  **Total of the 4 marks ÷ 4 =**  | **Mark awarded** | **Mark Suggested** |
| **Section 5: Self development & reflection** |  | *14-20* | *12-13* | *10-11* | *8-9* | *\*0-7* |  | *Student self-assessment* |
| Reflects on practice recognising own strengths and limitations and seeks to improve skills and knowledge as a result. |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |
| Recognises the needs of others and can analyse the effectiveness of care, suggesting realistic alternatives where appropriate  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| **Outcome of practice assessment**: |
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| **Signature of student** Print name Date |
| *I/We authorise that the student has met / not met (please circle) all of the performance outcomes (including competencies, essential skills clusters, professional behaviour and conduct) associated with this placement/module and that in my judgement has performed to the quality indicated.* Print name  **Signature/s of sign-off mentor/Mentors if Tripartite** Print name Date |
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#### Sickness and absence record

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| **Sick or****absence** | **Date from:** | **Date to:** | **Total****number of****days** | **Number of** **hours****absent** | **Signature****sign-off****mentor** | **Placement****area** |
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The above is a true and accurate record of my sickness/absence. The University has been informed of all episodes of sickness or absence to enable them to record this information on my student file.

Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Print name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**RECORD OF PLACMENT ATTENDANCE**

**Year 1 Learning Period 2**

**Student’s Name …..........................................**

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| **Student has attended as follows:**  |
| **Hours** | **Mentor Signature** | **Placement** |
| Week 1…..........hrs |  |  |
|  Week 2…..........hrs |  |  |
| Week 3 ……… hrs |  |  |
| Week 4……… hrs |  |  |
| **The student has not attended the placement on the following occasions:** |
| Date(s) not attended | Number of hours missed | Number of hours made up | Hours outstanding at end of placement |
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| **Total number of hours worked …....................Number of Nights worked (if any)………………****Mentor Print name……………………………………………….****Mentor’s signature ……………………….................................Date ……………….** |
| **I verify that the above student has worked 40% of the time within this placement with a sign off mentor on the mentor register.****Mentor’s signature ……………………………………………... Date……………………………** **Student’s signature………………………………………..…... Date………………………………** |

*In the event of sickness it is the student’s responsibility to inform the placement area and the University of Hull – Midwifery Programme Secretary Andrea Randerson, phone (01482) 464583.*

Module Team Verification **Signature ……………………………… Date ……………**

**RECORD OF PLACMENT ATTENDANCE**

**Year 1 Learning Period 2**

**Student’s Name …..........................................**

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| **Student has attended as follows:**  |
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 Record of experience & feedback

This section should be used to record the feedback/practice experience(s) outside the normal interview process of a student’s progress during the placement(s) e.g.

* A student may work with another member of the multi-professional team, who can provide feedback to the student
* A sign-off mentor can record the ongoing achievements of the student between the tripartite assessments
* A student/sign-off mentor/healthcare professional may have concerns with the placement and informs the liaison/link lecturer and an action plan would then be negotiated.
* This must be used in a placement where the interim or final interview does not take place.

**If at any time issues are raised requiring further investigation, individual University processes should be adhered to.**

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| **Date/ time** | **Placement area** |
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| **Feedback on student’s progress/experience** |
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| **Action plan / review of action plan** |
| **Outcome of review / comments** |
| Supervisor/ mentor / sign-off mentorSignature: …………………………..………………………… Print name…………………………………..Date……………… |
| StudentSignature: …………………………..………………………… Print name…………………………………..Date……………… |
| Liaison / link lecturer (If applicable)Signature: …………………………..………………………… Print name…………………………………..Date……………… |

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| Liaison / link lecturer (If applicable)Signature: …………………………..………………………… Print name…………………………………..Date……………… |
| 1) Communication To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills, drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (1MC) Domain: Effective midwifery practice **Communicates effectively with women and their families throughout the pre-conception, antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal periods.**Communication will include: -* Listening to women, jointly identifying their feelings and anxieties about the pregnancies, the birth and the related changes to themselves and their lives.
* Enabling women to think through their feelings.
* Enabling women to make informed choices about their health and health care.
* Actively encouraging women to think about their own health and the health of their babies and families and how can this be improved.
* Communicating with women throughout their pregnancy, labour and the period following birth.
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| ***Essential skills cluster*** *(ESC)*1) Communication: * Be attentive and share information that is clear, accurate and meaningful at a level which women, their partner and family can understand (No: 1/1)
* Provide care that is delivered in a warm, sensitive and compassionate way (no: 1/7)
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| **1** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor** **Signature** **& date** |
| A)1MC  | Establishes and maintains a rapport with women and their families throughout the pre-conception antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal stages |  |
| B)1MC ESC 1/1 | Listens to women and their families talk about their experiences and expectations, confirms understanding and begins to provide appropriate answers to questions raised |  |
| C)1MC | Uses appropriate verbal, non-verbal and written communication, sharing information with women. |  |
| *D)**ESC**1/1**1/7* | Uses strategies to enhance communication to remove barriers in order to make clear effective communication and can recognise the appropriateness of silence in certain situations |  |
| *E)**ESC**1/7* | Cares for women in a sensitive and compassionate way, maintaining a supportive relationship with women and their families and is able to initiate a conversation. |  |
| **1) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |

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| 2) Diagnosis, monitoring & assessmentTo meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (2MC) Domain: Effective midwifery practice Diagnose pregnancy, assess and monitor women holistically throughout the pre-conception, antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal period through the use of a range of assessment methods and reach valid, reliable and comprehensive conclusions.The different assessment methods will include: -* History Taking
* observation
* Physical Examination
* Biophysical Tests
* Social, Cultural and Emotional Assessments
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| ***Essential skills cluster*** *(ESC)*2) Initial consultation between the woman and the midwife:* Accurately complete an initial consultation ensuring women are at the centre of care (no: 2/2)
* Be the first point of contact when seeking advice and/or information about being pregnant (no: 2/4)
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| **2** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)2MC*ESC**2/2* | With minimal supervision accurately completes an initial consultation, ensuring women are at the centre of care, recording the information in the appropriate document(s) and identifying any risks to maternal health |  |
| B)2MC | Assesses and monitors women and fetus/baby holistically throughout the pre-conception, antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal period through the use of a range of assessment methods and reaches valid, reliable and comprehensive conclusions.  |  |
| C)2MC | Participates in the appropriate assessment method(s) to assess a woman’s social, cultural and emotional wellbeing, demonstrating an understanding of the significance of these findings.  |  |
| D) *2/4*  | With supervision be the first point of contact when seeking advice and/or information about being pregnant |  |
| **2) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |

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| 3) Programmes and evaluation of care To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (3MC) Domain: Effective midwifery practice **Determine and provide programmes of care and support for women**Programmes of care and support for women which: -* Are appropriate to the needs, contexts, culture and choices of the women, babies and their families
* Are made in partnership with women
* Are ethical
* Are based on best evidence and clinical judgement
* Involve other practitioners when this will improve health outcomes

This will include consideration of:* Plans for birth
* Place of birth
* Plans for feeding their babies
* Needs for postnatal support
* Preparation for parenthood

**Midwifery competency (**14MC) Domain: Effective midwifery practice Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of programmes of care and modify them to improve the outcomes for women, babies and their families.This will include: Consideration of the effectiveness of the above and making the necessary modifications to improve outcomes for women and their families. |
| **Essential skills cluster** (ESC)1) Communication: * Work in partnership with women in a manner that is diversity sensitive and is free from discrimination, harassment and exploitation (no: 1/6)

*4) Initiation and continuance of breastfeeding** Understand and share information that is clear, accurate and meaningful at a level which women, their partners and family can understand (no: 4/1) BFI relates to Baby Friendly Education Standards Learning Outcomes
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| **Conduct, Performance & Ethics** (CPE)1) Make the care of people your first concern, treating them as individuals and respecting their dignity 7) Work with others to protect and promote the health & wellbeing of those in your care, their families and the wider community12) Provide a high standard of care at all times 13) use best evidence |
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| **3** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)3MCCPE12,13 | With minimal supervision develops programme(s) of support, recognising when modifications are needed and how best evidence care in partnership with women, including preparation for parenthood plans and place for birth, plans for feeding their babies, postnatal support can improve health outcomes. |  |
| B)3MCCPE 1&7 | Is knowledgeable about ethical, cultural and social choices and makes the care of people the first concern, treating them as individuals and respects their dignity. Promoting health and wellbeing of those in their care, families and the wider community including practical and emotional support. |  |
| C)*ESC**1/3* | Works in partnership with women and is sensitive to age, culture, religion, spiritual beliefs, disability, gender, sexual orientation and respects people’s rights*.* |  |

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| **3** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| *D*)*ESC**4/1* | Contributes with minimal supervision to a variety of forums where information is shared in respect of the advantages and disadvantages of different feeding methods |  |
| E)14MC | Monitors and begins to evaluate the effectiveness of care provided and contributes to the modification of care plans to meet the changing needs of women and their babies |  |
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| **3) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |  |  |  |

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| 4) Provision of antenatal careTo meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (4MC) Domain: Effective midwifery practice **Provide seamless care and where appropriate interventions in partnership with women and other care providers during the antenatal period which: -*** Are appropriate for women’s assessed needs, context and culture
* Promote their continuing health and well-being
* Are evidence based
* Are consistent with the management risk
* Draw upon the skills of others to optimise health outcomes and resource use

These include: - * Acting as lead carer in normal pregnancies
* Contributing to providing support to women when their pregnancies are in difficulty (such as women who will need operative or assisted birth)
* Providing care for women who have suffered pregnancy loss
* Discussion/negotiation with other professionals about further interventions which are appropriate for individual women, considering their wishes, context and culture
* Ensuring that current research findings and other evidence are incorporated into practice
* Team working in the best interests of individual women
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| ***Essential skills cluster*** *(ESC)*2) Initial consultation between the woman and the midwife:* Be confident in sharing information about common antenatal screening (no: 2/1)
* Accurately complete an initial consultation ensuring women are at the centre of care (no: 2/2)
* Work collaboratively with other practitioners and external agencies (no: 2/3)
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| **4** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)4MC | Contributes with minimal supervision in the provision of evidence-based care in the antenatal period with midwives and other care providers in partnership with women.  |  |
| B)4MC | Participates in managing risk and the support women require with more complex pregnancies or pregnancy loss. Identifies deviation from the norm, referring if appropriate to other professionals to optimise health outcome. |  |
| C)*ESC**2/1* | Actively participates in the main NHS-managed antenatal screening programmes that are offered to pregnant women. |  |
| D)*ESC**2/1* | Actively participates in sharing information with women about common antenatal screening tests and respect the decision of women who decline services or treatments |  |
| E)*ESC**2/2* | Assesses maternal and fetal wellbeing relevant to the stage of pregnancy, explaining the findings in a sensitive manner and encourages women to ask questions |  |
| F)*ESC**2/2* | Actively participates in explaining to women lifestyle considerations in relation to diet, smoking and drugs |  |
| G)*ESC**2/3* | Works alongside and engages with other practitioners who input into antenatal care |  |
| ***4) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes*** This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |

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| 5) Postnatal care To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills, drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (9MC) Domain: Effective midwifery practice **Work in partnership with women and other care providers during the postnatal period to provide seamless care and interventions which:*** Are appropriate to the woman’s assessed needs, context and culture
* Promote their continuing health and wellbeing
* Are evidence based
* Are consistent with the management of risk
* Are undertaken by the midwife because she is the person best placed to do them and is competent to act
* Draw on the skills of others to optimise health outcomes and resource use

These will include:* Providing support and advice to women as they start to feed and care for the baby
* Providing any particular support which is needed to women who have disabilities
* Post-operative care for women who have had caesarean and operative births providing pain relief to women
* Team working in the best interests of women and their babies
* Facilitating discussion about future reproductive choices
* Providing care for women who have suffered pregnancy loss, stillbirth or neonatal death
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| **Essential skills cluster** (ESC)4) Initiation and continuance of breastfeeding* Understand and share information that is clear, accurate and meaningful at a level which women, their partners and family can understand (no: 4/1) BFI relates to Baby Friendly Education Standards Learning Outcomes
* Respect social cultural factors that may influence the decision to breastfeed (no: 4/2)
* Effectively support women to breastfeed (no: 4/3)
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| **5** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)9MC | Undertakes assessment and monitoring of women in a range of settings during the postnatal period to promote health and wellbeing |  |
| B)9MCESC 4/2 | Recognises ethical, cultural and social choices when developing the programme of postnatal care for women and their families and is sensitive to the issues of diversity when sharing information with women and respect their rights in relation to infant feeding. |  |
| C)9MC | Participates in the provision of post-operative care, recognising deviation from normal |  |
| D)9MC | Engages in discussion with women regarding contraceptive choices |  |
| E)9MC  | Provides care and support to women as they start to feed and care for their baby |  |

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| **5) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |
| 6) Public health To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency –** (15MC) Domain: Effective midwifery practice **Contribute to enhancing the health and social wellbeing of individuals and their communities.**This will include:* Planning and offering midwifery care within the context of public health policies
* Contributing midwifery expertise and information to local health strategies
* Identifying and targeting care for groups with particular health and maternity needs and maintaining communication with appropriate agencies
* Involving users and local communities in service development and improvement
* Informing practice with best evidence shown to prevent and reduce maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality
* Utilising a range of effective, appropriate and sensitive programmes to improve sexual and reproductive health.
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| **6** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)15MC | Provides evidence based midwifery care within the context of international, national and local public health policies and strategies |  |
| B)15MC | Identifies groups with particular health and maternity needs that may pose challenges to their health |  |
| C)15MC | Discusses effective public health programmes to improve sexual and reproductive health |  |
| D) 15MC | Identifies users and local communities involved in service development and improvement of health |  |
| **6) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |
| 7) Confidentiality To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (19MC) Domain: Professional and Ethical Practice**Maintain confidentiality of information.**This will include:* Ensuring the confidentiality and security of written and verbal information acquired in a professional capacity
* Disclosing information about individuals and organisations only to those who have a right and need to know it once proof of identify and the right to disclosure has been obtained.
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| ***Essential skills cluster*** *(ESC) 1) Communication: Protect and treat as confidential all information relating to themselves and their care.* |
| **Conduct, performance and ethics** (CPE) 3) Respect people’s confidentiality |

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| **7** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A) 19MCCPE3 | Upholds the confidentiality and security of written and verbal information acquired in a professional capacity. Respects confidentiality. |  |
| B)19MC*ESC**½*  | Protects and treats client information as confidential except where sharing of information is required for the purposes of safeguarding and/or public protection and understands the implications of a breach of confidentiality |  |
| C) 19MC | Complies with NMC guidelines for records and record keeping (NMC 2009) in relation to confidentiality |  |
| D)*ESC**1/2*  | Understands the principles of data protection and applies the principles of confidentiality |  |
| **7) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |
| 8) Health and safetyTo meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (22MC) Domain: Professional and Ethical PracticeSupport the creation and maintenance of environments that promote the health, safety and wellbeing of women, babies and othersThis will include: preventing and controlling infection & Promoting health, safety and security in the environment in which the practitioner is working, whether it be at a woman’s home, in the community, a clinic, or hospital |

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| **8** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)22MC | Creates and maintains environments that promote the health, safety and wellbeing of women, babies and others |  |
| B)22MC | Implements policies and guidelines that ensure the safety, wellbeing and promotion of health |  |
| C)22MC | Engages in the prevention and control of infection including the safe disposal of domestic/clinical waste and storage of equipment |  |
| D)22MC | Demonstrates safe moving and handling procedures, identifying potential risks to others |  |
| **8) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |
| **9) Record Keeping** To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (13MC) Domain: Effective midwifery practice **Complete, store and retain records of practice which:*** Are accurate, legible and continuous
* Detail the reasoning behind any actions taken
* Contain the information necessary for the record’s purpose.

Records will include:* Biographical details of women and babies
* Assessments made, outcomes of assessments and the action taken as a result
* The outcomes of the discussions with women and the advice offered
* Any drugs administered
* Action plans and commentary on their evaluation
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| **Essential skills cluster (ESC)****2) Initial consultation between the woman and the midwife:*** Be confident in sharing information about common antenatal screening ( 2/1)
* Accurately complete an initial consultation ensuring women are at the centre of care ( 2/2)
* Work collaboratively with other practitioners and external agencies ( 2/3)
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| **9** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| H)13MC | Demonstrates full compliance with professional records, confidentiality and security of verbal and written information and the storage of records in accordance with local polices and relevant legislation |  |
| I)13MCESC3/10 | Participates with minimal supervision in the recording of information that is accurate, legible and continuous which includes planning, implementation and evaluation of care, interventions and findings |  |
| **9)Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |

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| 10) Referral To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills, drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (5MC) Domain: Effective midwifery practice **Refer women who would benefit from the skills and the knowledge of other individuals:*** To an individual who is likely to have the requisite skills and experience to assist
* At the earliest possible time
* Support accurate, legible and complete information, which contains the reasoning behind making the referral and describes the woman’s needs and preferences.

Referrals might relate to: - Women’s choices, Health issues, Social issues, Financial issues, Psychological issues, Child protection matters, The law |

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| **10** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)5MC  | Recognises health and social situations or issues, which may require the referral of women to other professional or agencies with specialist knowledge and skills. |  |
| B)5MC  | Supports accurate, legible and complete information, which contains the reasoning behind making the referral and describes the woman’s needs and preferences. |  |
| **10) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |

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| 11) Intrapartum care and management of the neonate at birth To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (6MC) Domain: Effective midwifery practice **Care for, monitor and support women during labour and monitor the condition of the fetus and support spontaneous births.** This will include:* Communicating with women throughout and supporting them through the experience
* Ensuring that the care is sensitive to individual women’s culture and preferences
* Using appropriate clinical and technical means to monitor the condition of mother and fetus, providing appropriate pain management
* Providing appropriate care to women once they have given birth

**Midwifery competency** (8MC) Domain: Effective midwifery practice **Examine and care for babies immediately following birth**This will include: Confirming their vital signs and taking the appropriate action and full assessment and physical examination |
| ***Essential skills cluster*** *(ESC)****3) Normal labour and birth-keep accurate records (no 3/10)**** Work in partnership with women to facilitate a birth environment that supports their needs (no: 3/1)
* Be attentive to the comfort needs of women before, during and after birth (no: 3/2)
* Determine the onset of labour (no: 3/3)
* Determine the wellbeing of women and their unborn baby (no: 3/4)
* Measure, assess and facilitate the progress of normal labour (no: 3/5)
* Support women and their partners in the birth of their baby (no: 3/6)
* Facilitate the mother and baby to remain together (no: 3/7)

4**)** Understand and share information that is clear, accurate and meaningful at a level which women, their partners and family can understand ( no:4/1) |

**Conduct, performance and ethics (CPE) – 15) keep clear accurate records (no 3/10)**

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| **11** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)*ESC**3/3* | Participates in the clinical assessment, observation and history taking to determine the onset of labour, offering appropriate support |  |
| B)6MC*ESC**3/4* | Initiates monitoring of fetal and maternal wellbeing during the intrapartum period which includes, assessment of liquor volume and colour, intermittent auscultation of the fetal heart using a pinnard stethoscope, monitoring of maternal vital signs such as; maternal pulse and blood pressure |  |
| C)6MC | Participates in the safe administration of a wide range of non pharmacological analgesic techniques |  |
| D)*ESC**3/1* | Provides intrapartum care appropriate to the needs, context, social factors, culture and choices of women, babies and families, with minimal direction.  |  |
| E)*ESC**3/1*  | Incorporates birth plans or written instructions that identify the wishes of women in any care provided |  |
| F)*ESC* *3/1*  | Works in partnership with women to facilitate a birth environment that supports their needs such as privacy, silence and acknowledges the roles and relationships in families, dependent upon religious and cultural beliefs, preferences and experiences. |  |

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| **11** | **Performance and skills outcomes****(continued)** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| G)ESC3/1  | Adapts the physical environment to meet the needs of women, such as lighting, furniture, temperature |  |
| H)ESC3/2 | Addresses the comfort needs of women are met, such as: * Bladder care
* Appropriate hydration
* Nutritional intake
* Hygiene requirements
* Prevention of infection
* Assessment of skin integrity
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| I)ESC3/2  | Works with women to determine their coping strategies in order to support their preferences for pain management such as; mobilising, different positions, use of water, silence |  |
| J)ESC3/5  | Participates in assessing, measuring and facilitating the progress of labour in a sensitive manner using:* observation, such as; behaviour
* Abdominal examination
* Vaginal examination where appropriate
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| K)ESC3/5  | Supports women to use a variety of birthing aids, such as birthing balls |  |
| L)ESC3/6  | Recognises the importance of offering appropriate choices related to the birth phase  |  |
| M)ESC3/5 | Sensitively inform women of their progress. Recognises the latent and active phase of birth |  |
| N)ESC3/5 | Is confident in preparing any necessary equipment for monitoring of maternal and fetal wellbeing |  |
| O)ESC3/7  | Provides care immediately after birth, including initiation of skin to skin, assessing wellbeing of the baby, support feeding and delay any unnecessary separation, avoiding early routine procedures such as weighing |  |
| P)8MC | Undertakes the physical examination of the newborn at birth and its adaptation to extra uterine life |  |
| Q)8MC | Participates in assessing the vital signs of the newborn at birth and its adaptation to extra uterine life |  |
| R)8MC | Implements policies on identification and security of babies |  |

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| **11** | **Performance and skills outcomes****(continued)** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| S)8MC | Administers Vitamin K to babies with informed consent |  |
| T)8MC  | Promotes skin to skin contact between mother and baby soon after birth and the importance of baby holding as a means to facilitate breast feeding. |  |
| **11) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |

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| 12) Emergency procedures To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (7MC) Domain: Effective midwifery practice **Undertake appropriate emergency procedures to meet the health needs of women and babies**Emergency procedures will include: Manual removal of the placenta, Manual examination of the uterus, Managing post-partum haemorrhage, Resuscitation of mother/or baby |
| **Essential skills cluster** (ESC)3) Normal labour and birth* Identify and safely manage appropriate emergency procedures (no: 3/8)
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| **12** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)7MC*ESC**3/8* | Recognises and demonstrates confidence in the procedure(s) relevant to local policy and specific clinical environment for summoning assistance in an emergency  |  |
| B)7MC | Identifies where emergency equipment can be accessed |  |
| C)7MC | Demonstrates basic life support or simulation using Resuscitation Council Gold standards for adults, pregnant women and babies or relevant local policy |  |
| D)*ESC**3/8* | Participates and contributes to ‘skills and drills’ procedures related to adult and neonatal resuscitation |  |
| **12) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |

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| 13) Postnatal health & transition to motherhood To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (11MC) Domain: Effective midwifery practice **Care for and monitor women during the puerperium, offering the necessary evidence-based advice and support regarding the baby and self-care**These will include:* Providing advice and support on feeding babies and teaching women about the importance of nutrition in child development
* Providing advice and support on hygiene, safety, protection, security and child development
* Enabling women to address issues about their own, their babies’ and their families health and social well being
* Monitoring and supporting women who have postnatal depression or other mental illnesses
* Advice on bladder control
* Advising women on recuperation
* Supporting women to care for ill/pre-term babies or those with disabilities
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| **Essential skills cluster** (ESC)4) Initiation and continuance of breastfeeding* Recognise appropriate infant growth and development, including where referral for further advice/action is required (no: 4/4)
* Work in collaboratively with other practitioners and external agencies (no: 4/5)
* Support women to breastfeed in challenging circumstances (no: 4/6)
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| **Baby Friendly Standards**  (BFI)Themes:1. Understanding breastfeeding
2. Enabling mothers to breastfeed
3. Close and loving relationships
4. Managing Challenges
5. Communication
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| **13** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)11MC | Observes and participates in the facilitation of infant feeding and nutrition in child development |  |
| B)11MC | Participates and observes the examination of the newborn, and appropriate screening tests to ensure health and normal progress |  |
| C)11MC | Participates in the provision of evidence based advice and support to promote health and social wellbeing for women, their babies’ and families |  |
| D)11MC | Demonstrates awareness of the need to monitor and support women who have postnatal depression or mental health illnesses |  |
| E)11MC | Demonstrates awareness of the support provided to women with a baby with extra needs |  |
| **13** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| F)ESC4/4 | Observes and participates in assessing appropriate growth and development of the neonate. If appropriate, with supervision performs a physical examination(s) with parental consent. Informing women of the findings in a manner that is understood.  |  |
| G)ESC4/1T1 | Participates in communicating sensitively the importance of breastfeeding, in terms of health outcomes (BFI) |  |
| H)ESC4/2 | Has an awareness of own thoughts and feelings about infant feeding in order to facilitate information sharing to be ethical and non-judgemental |  |
| I)ESC4/3 | Participates in explaining to women the importance of baby-led feeding in relation to the establishment and maintenance of breastfeeding (BFI) |  |
| J)ESC4/3 | Can recognise effective positioning, attachment, suckling and milk transfer during breastfeeding |  |
| K)ESC4/3 | Participates in teaching mothers the necessary skills to enable them to effectively position and attach their baby for breastfeeding (BFI) |  |
| L)ESC4/3 | Participate and begin to explain the importance of their baby rooming-in with them and baby holding in the postnatal period as a means to facilitate breastfeeding (BFI) |  |
| M)ESC4/3 | Recognise common complications of breastfeeding, how these arise and demonstrate how women may be helped to avoid them (BFI) |  |
| N)ESC4/3 | Observes and participates in teaching women how to hand express their breast milk and how to store, freeze and warm it with consideration to aspects of infection control (BFI) |  |
| O)T2 | Assist mothers to breastfeed for as long as they want to |  |
| P)T5 | Effectively communicates in a sensitive way and initiate mother centred conversations around infant feeding choices |  |
| Q)T3 | Participates in the support of women who are formula feeding |  |
| R)T3 | Participates in educating women on the sterilisation of equipment and safe preparation of formula milk  |  |
| S)T3 | Apply knowledge of attachment theory to promote and encourage close and loving relationships between mother and babies |  |
| T)T5 | Demonstrates some awareness of the evidence linked to infant feeding practice |  |
| **13) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |

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| 14) Safe and accountable drug administrationTo meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (12MC)Domain: Effective midwifery practice **Select, acquire and administer safely, a range of permitted drugs consistent with legislation, applying knowledge and skills to the situation which pertains at the time**Methods of administration will include: Oral, Intravenous, Intramuscular, Topical, Inhalation |
| ***Essential Skills Clusters*** *(ESC)*5) Medicines Management:* Within the parameters of normal childbirth, ensure safe and effective practice through comprehensive knowledge of medicinal products, their actions, risks and benefits including the ability to recognise and respond safely to adverse drug reactions and adverse drug events (no: 5/1)
* Correctly and safely undertake medicinal products calculations (no: 5/2)
* In the course of their professional midwifery practice, supply and administer medicinal products safely in a timely manner, including controlled drugs (no: 5/3)
* Keep and maintain accurate records, which includes when working within a multi-disciplinary framework and as part of a team (5/4)
* Work within the legal and ethical framework that underpins safe and effective medicinal products management as well as in conjunction with national guidelines and local policies (no: 5/5)
* Work in partnership with women to share information in assisting them to make informed choices about medical products related to herself, her unborn child or her baby (no: 5/6)
* Work in partnership with women to share information about alternative approaches to using medication, where appropriate (no: 5/7)
* Order, receive, store, transport and dispose of medicinal product safely and in accordance with relevant legislation, in midwifery settings including controlled drugs (no: 5/8)

Use and evaluate up-to-date information on medicinal products management and work within national and local policies and guidelines using appropriate reference (no: 5/9) |

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| **14** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)12MC ESC*5/1**5/3**5/8* | Participates in the safe administration (by prescribed routes), storage, handling, transportation and disposal of medication/drugs in accordance with local and professional gold standards and monitors effects. |  |
| B)12MCESC 5/4 | Contributes to the completion of records that are accurate, legible and continuous pertaining to drug administration and demonstrates understanding of the importance of this with regard to national and local policy guidelines. |  |
| C)ESC5/2  | **Competent** **in calculating common dosages of medicinal products used in normal midwifery practice** |  |
| D)ESC5/3  | Utilise and safely disposes of equipment needed to prepare/administer medication (e.g. needles, syringes, gloves) |  |
| E)ESC5/5  | Demonstrate understanding of the legal and ethical frameworks relating to safe administration of medicinal products in practice |  |
| F)ESC5/4  | Under minimal supervision is able to take a medicine history |  |

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| **14** | **Performance and skills outcomes** **(continued)** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| G)ESC5/6 | Involves women in administration and/or self administration of medicinal products |  |
| H)ESC5/7  | Recognises a range of commonly recognised approaches to support women throughout the childbirth continuum such as; alternative/complementary therapies, life style advice, relaxation and distraction |  |
| I)ESC5/9  | Accesses and discusses commonly used evidence based sources of information relating to the safe and effective management of medicinal products such as: Pharmacy, British National Formulary and National/local policies |  |
| **14) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |

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| 15) Professional accountability To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (16MC) Domain: Professional and Ethical Practice**Practice in accordance with The Code for nurses and midwives (NMC 2015), within the limitations of the individual’s own competence, knowledge and sphere of professional practice, consistent with the legislation relating to midwifery practice.** This will include:* Using professional standards of practice to self-assess performance
* Consulting with the most appropriate professional colleagues when care requires expertise beyond the midwife’s current competence
* Consulting other health care professionals when the woman’s and baby’s needs fall outside the scope of midwifery practice
* Identifying unsafe practice and responding appropriately
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| **Conduct, performance and ethics** (CPE)6) Maintain clear professional Boundaries, 11) Manage risk, 16) Be open and honest, act with integrity and uphold the reputation of the profession, 17) Act with integrity, 19) Be impartial, 20) Uphold the reputation of the profession |

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| **15** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)16MC | Recognises the role of the NMC and other legislation acts relating to midwifery practice and can identify NMC professional publications relating to midwifery and professional practice |  |
| B)16MC | Confidently identifies situations which are outside the sphere of practice and consults with the most appropriate health care professionals.  |  |
| C)CPE11 | Contributes to managing risk and identifies procedures for reporting to colleagues when the environment of care is putting people at risk |  |
| D)CPE616 17 1920 | Demonstrates a personal and professional commitment, is open and honest, acts with integrity and upholds the reputation of the profession, maintains clear professional boundaries and remains impartial. Adheres to Laws of the Country |  |
| **15) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |

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| 16) Accountability to individual To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (17MC) Domain: Professional and Ethical Practice**Practice in a way, which respects, promotes and supports individuals’ rights, interests, preferences, beliefs and cultures.**This will include:* Offering culturally-sensitive family advice
* Ensuring that women’s labour is consistent with their religious and cultural beliefs and preferences
* Acknowledgement of the roles and relationships in families, dependent upon religious and cultural beliefs, preferences and experiences
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| **Essential skills cluster** (ESC)1) Communication:* Enable women to make choices about their care by informing women of the choices available to them and providing them with evidence-based information about the benefits and risks of options so that women can make fully informed decisions (no: 1/3).
* Ensure that consent will be sought from the woman prior to care being given and that the rights of women are respected (no: 1/4).
* Treat women with dignity and respect them as individuals (no: 1/5)
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| **16** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)17MC | Engages in a woman-centred approach, in a manner that respects others and demonstrates understanding of the influence(s) of a person’s preferences, beliefs and culture on the provision of midwifery care |  |
| B)17MCESC1/5  | Ensures and maintains privacy when undertaking midwifery care and identifies factors which maintain the dignity of women |  |
| C)17MC | Recognises the roles and relationships in families, dependent upon religious and cultural beliefs, preferences and experiences |  |
| D)17MC *ESC**1/4* | Recognises and applies the principles of consent, ensuring that the meaning of consent is understood by the woman, in accordance with the NMC Code: for nurses and midwives (NMC 2015) |  |
| E)*ESC**1/3*  | Shares evidence-based information with women in order for them to make an informed decision about their care |  |
| **16) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |

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| 17) Accountability to societyTo meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (18MC) Domain: Professional and Ethical Practice**Practice in accordance with relevant legislation.**This will include:* Practising within the contemporary legal framework of midwifery
* Demonstrating knowledge of legislation relating to human rights, equal opportunities and access to patient records
* Demonstrating knowledge of legislation relating to health and social policy relevant to midwifery practice
* Demonstrating knowledge of contemporary ethical issues and their impact upon midwifery practice
* Managing the complexities arising from ethical and legal dilemmas

**Safeguard children and adults from vulnerable situations and support and protect them from harm**Domain: Effective Midwifery PracticeProvide seamless care and where appropriate, interventions in partnership with women and other care providersThis will include;* Refer women who would benefit from the skills and knowledge of other individuals

Domain: Professional and ethical practiceWork collaboratively with the wider health care team and agencies |

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| **17** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)18MC | Identifies legislation relating to health and social policy relevant to midwifery practice, for example Data Protection Act (1998), Freedom of Information (2000), Births & Deaths Registration Acts and Civil Liabilities Act (1976) |  |
| B)18MC | Recognises ethical issues/dilemmas faced by women and midwives and discusses the role of the midwife in managing these and the impact they may have on midwifery care |  |
| C)18MC | Acts within legal frameworks and local policies in relation to safeguarding adults and children who are in vulnerable situations |  |
| D)18 MC | Documents concerns and information when people who are in vulnerable situations  |  |
| E)18 MC | Supports people in asserting their human rights |  |
| **17) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |

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| 18) Managing self and others To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (21MC)Domain: Professional and Ethical Practice**Manage and prioritise competing demands.**This will include: Deciding who is best placed and able to provide particular interventions to women, babies and their families & Alerting managers to difficulties and issues in service birth |
| **Conduct, performance and ethics** (CPE) – 10) Delegate effectively, 18) Deal with problems |

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| **18** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)21MCCPE10 | Discusses ways in which the midwife utilises strategies to deal with and prioritise competing demands and the standards for delegating tasks effectively |  |
| B)21MC | Demonstrates an awareness of personal strengths and limitations, being able to take appropriate action if required and balance the competing demands of the development of both midwifery skills and academic knowledge.  |  |
| C)CPE18 | Identifies procedures for managing with complaints including internal and external investigations  |  |
| **18) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |
| 19) Life long learning To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (24MC) Domain: Developing the individual midwife and others**Review, develop and enhance the midwife’s own knowledge, skills and fitness to practice.**This will include:* Making effective use of the framework for the statutory supervision of midwives
* Meeting NMC’s continuing professional development and practice standards
* Reflecting on the midwife’s own practice and making the necessary changes as a result
* Attending conferences, presentations and other learning events
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| **Conduct, performance and ethics** (CPE) - 14) Keep skills and knowledge up to date |

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| **19** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)24MCCPE14 | Identifies personal learning outcomes and demonstrates motivation to develop up to date skills and knowledge. Seeks information and opportunities to attend learning events, and asks questions, to meet NMC professional and practice standards. |  |
| B)24MC | Demonstrates knowledge of the aspects of care and is able to explore theory and practice |  |
| C)24MC | Recognises the framework for midwifery supervision |  |
| **19) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |
| 20) Multi-professional working and Inter-agency collaboration To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (25MC) Domain : Developing the individual midwife and others **Demonstrate effective working across professional boundaries and develop professional networks**This will include :effective collaboration and communication, sharing skills, multi-professional standard setting and audit20MC) Domain: Professional and Ethical Practice**Work collaboratively with other practitioners and agencies in ways which:*** Value their contribution to health and care
* Enable them to participate effectively in the care of women, babies and their families
* Acknowledge the nature of their work and the content in which it is placed

Practitioners and agencies will include those who work in:* Health care
* Social care
* Social security, benefits and housing
* Advice and guidance and counselling
* Child protection
* The Law
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| **Essential Skills Cluster (ESC)**1. Communication: Be confident in their own role within a multi-disciplinary/multi-agency team (no: 1/8)
2. Normal labour and Birth – Works collaboratively with other practitioners (no: 3/9)
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| **Conduct, performance and ethics** (CPE) - 8) Share information with colleagues, 9) Work effectively as part of a team |

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| **20** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)25MC20MCESC *1/8**3/9* | Participates in effective working across professional boundaries and developing professional networks by supporting others and understanding their roles and responsibilities within the team and interacting appropriately.  |  |
| B)25MCCPE8&9 | Participates in communication and shares information to maintain the safety of care. |  |
| C)*ESC**1/8*  | Demonstrates significant confidence in their own role within a multi-disciplinary/multi-agency team, including reflecting on own practice and discussing issues with other members of the team to enhance learning. |  |

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| **20** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| D)20MC | Works collaboratively to ensure effective care for women, babies and their families |  |
| E)20MC | Identifies and discusses who may be best placed to provide aspects of maternity care |  |
| **20) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |
| 21) Evidence Based Practice and Evaluation of practice To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (23MC) Domain: Professional and Ethical Practice**Contribute to the development and evaluation of guidelines and policies and make recommendations for change in the interests of women, babies and their families**Evaluating policies will include:* Consideration of best available evidence
* Providing feedback to managers on service policies
* Representing the midwife’s own considered views and experience within the context of broader health and social care policies in the interests of women, babies and their families

**Midwifery competency** (26MC) Domain: Achieving quality care through evaluation and research**Apply relevant knowledge to midwife’s own practice in structured ways which are capable of evaluation**This will include:* Critical appraisal of knowledge and research evidence
* Critical appraisal of the midwife’s own practice
* Gaining feedback from women and their families and appropriately
* Applying this to practice
* Disseminating critically-appraised good practice

**Midwifery competency** (27MC) Domain: Achieving quality care through evaluation and research**Inform and develop the midwife’s own practice and the practice of others through using the best available evidence and reflecting on practice**This will include:* Keeping up-to-date
* Applying evidence to practice
* Alerting others to new evidence for them to apply to their own practice
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| **21** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)23MC26MC | Discusses and begins to evaluate a range of relevant knowledge and evidence in the context of effective health and social care practice including policies and guidelines for aspects of antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal care. |  |
| B)27MC | Explores methods to keep up to date with and develop midwifery practice and recognises the practice of others by relating to the best available evidence and reflection on practice.  |  |
| C)26MC | Seeks appropriate feedback from mentor, women and their families and uses it to inform personal development  |  |
| D)26MC | Reflects on midwifery practice identifying strengths and weaknesses and developing action plans for future learning |  |
| **21) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |

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| 22) Information Technology Skills To meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (28MC) Domain: Achieving quality care through evaluation and research**Manage and develop care utilising the most appropriate information technology (IT) systems.**This will include:* Recording practice in consistent formats on IT systems for wider scale analysis
* Using analysis of data from IT systems to apply to practice
* Evaluating practice from data analysis
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| **22** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature** **& date** |
| A)28MC | Enters data onto healthcare computer systems and retrieves information pertaining to women to inform the provision of care |  |
| B)28MC | Identifies how data analysis from IT healthcare systems can be utilised to enhance and evaluate midwifery practice, providing contemporary examples |  |
| **22) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes**This should be linked to specific examples from practice, and how this case links to the outcome. |
| 23) AuditTo meet the standard the student is required to demonstrate the following competency/skills drawing on practice experience(s) and underpinned by theoretical learning appropriate to their level. By the end of an NMC approved midwifery programme the student will have achieved all the competencies and skills.  |
| **Midwifery competency** (29MC) Domain: Achieving quality care through evaluation and research**Contribute to the audit of practice to review and optimise the care of women, babies and their families**This will include:* Auditing the individual’s own practice
* Contributing to the audit of team practice
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| **23** | **Performance and skills outcomes** | **Sign-off mentor****Signature****& date** |
| A)29MC | Recognises the value of audit to enhance and optimise the care of women, babies and their families |  |
| B)29MC | Engages in the auditing and review of midwifery standard setting in midwifery practice  |  |
| **23) Student’s evidence and experience to achieve outcomes** |

## CONFIRMATION OF PROFICIENCY

In accordance with the *NMC Standards to support learning and assessment in practice* (NMC, 2008) the sign-off mentor must confirm that the student has successfully completed all practice requirements. This should be completed by the last sign-off midwife mentor that the student has worked with.

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| **I can confirm that the student has achieved competence in all midwifery competencies (MCs) and essential skills clusters (ESCs) enclosed in this document.** |
| **Comments:****Mentor Signature: Date:****Print name:** |

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