

TRUST BOARD MEETING – 26 July 2012

Title of the Paper:	Supervisors of Midwives - Annual Report 2011-12		
Agenda item:	07/12 - 19		
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Trust Objective:	1. Provide Safe Patient Care		
Purpose This report fulfils the statutory requirement for the Supervisors of Midwives (SoMs) team based at West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust (WHHT), to complete an annual audit to the Local Supervising Authority Midwifery Officer (LSAMO), of their activities throughout the last financial year 2011-12. This report informs the LSA annual report which is available to members of the public and midwives through the LSA website: http://www.midwife.org.uk			
Risk Implications for the Trust (<i>including any clinical and financial consequences</i>):		Mitigating Actions (<i>Controls</i>):	
Risk to high quality midwifery practice if the Trust is not able to demonstrate appropriate mechanisms are in place to support high standards of midwifery practice.		Internal Trust controls in place governing maternity provision; Role of Local Supervising Authority Midwifery Officer supporting Local Supervisors of Midwives.	
Level of Assurance that can be given to the Trust Board from the report Sufficient			
Links to Board Assurance Framework, CQC Outcomes, Statutory Requirements (ie BAF risk reference, CQC outcomes linked to report) BAF Risk 2739			
Legal Implications: Statutory requirement			
Recommendation to the Trust Board: The Trust Board members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review the report and the assurances contained therein and identify any other matters for which further assurance is required.			