

For the Record – Press Statements

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Reporter	Heather Large
Headline	Midwives needed to cope with baby boom
First paragraph/s of article	Extra midwives are being recruited at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital to cope with rising birth rates, as plans to expand the maternity unit are revealed.
Paragraph/s relating to The Dudley Group	NA
Press enquiry	<p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the expansion of the Maternity Unit being considered? 2. How many midwives are being recruited?
Also issued to:	NA
Trust response	
<p>Response:</p> <p>The Trust can confirm the expansion of the Maternity Unit is being considered. A business case has been put together and is awaiting final estate costs before the case is put before the Board of Directors.</p> <p>We are openly recruiting to midwives posts. Five candidates have been offered positions with open days planned for August to recruit qualifying students. The final number to be recruited will depend on whether the expansion of the unit goes ahead or we continue restricting referrals to Russells Hall Hospital.</p>	