The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) is an organisation set up by Parliament to ensure nurses and midwives provide high standards of care to their patients and clients.

To achieve its aims, the NMC: maintains a register of qualified nurses and midwives; sets standards for education, practice, supervision of midwives and conduct; provides advice for nurses and midwives; considers allegations of misconduct or unfitness to practise due to ill health.

Further information about the NMC can be found on our web site at http://www.nmc-uk.org/

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) would like to invite expressions of interest (EoI) from organisations to conduct UK wide research on our behalf in the following areas.

We are looking for the provision of research services that will enable the NMC to judge the specific value of midwife teachers in relation to demonstrable links with student midwife outcomes, clinical and academic. We are also looking to establish any significant correlations between the contribution of midwife teachers and outcomes such as:

- The ability of student midwives on short and long pre-registration programmes to provide midwifery care to the expected standards at point of registration.
- Contribution to the safety and satisfaction of women receiving care from newly qualified midwives across the UK.
- The impact on quality of education experience within the clinical practice setting and within higher education institutions.
- · Any other demonstrable quality outcome indicators.

One of the key deliverables of the research will be the ability to map current NMC expectations of midwife teachers against what they are actually doing.

It is envisaged that the research will be completed and reported within 18 months of commencement. The estimated commencement date is 15 March 2009.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate sound knowledge of healthcare regulation and have demonstrable portfolios of conducting healthcare research within the UK.

The deadline for the receipt of EoIs is 12:00 01 December 2008.

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