Returning to midwifery

This page is for you if you're thinking of coming back to midwifery [1].

Your skills and experience are highly valued and Return to Practice (RTP) programmes are designed to make it as straightforward as possible for you to come back to midwifery.

The availability of RTP courses varies across the country, depending on the needs of your local NHS trust.

If there is a course in your area it will usually have the following features:

- courses fees will be paid and you may be eligible for additional financial support towards travel, childcare and books too
- you can apply to have a personal mentor
- on your clinical placement you will have supernumerary status (your post will be additional to existing staffing needs)
- there are no guarantees of work after completing the course but you will be able to re-join the NMC [2] register and look for permanent work or join a local midwives ‘bank’ (agency) for temporary work

Find out more about midwifery return to practice courses on the Nursing and Midwifery Council website [3].

Additionally in Wales, there are RTP midwifery programmes run by a small number of universities. Visit the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership website [4] for details of these.

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[2] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#NMC