Midwifery caseload

Identifying and definitional attributes

- Metadata item type: Glossary Item
- Synonymous names: Midwifery group practice; Midwifery continuity of carer
- METEOR identifier: 562448
- Registration status: Health, Standard 14/05/2015

Definition:
A model of maternity care where women have a primary midwife assigned to them throughout pregnancy, labour and birth and the postnatal period. Each midwife has an agreed number (caseload) of women per year and acts as a second or "back-up" midwife for women who have another midwife as their primary carer. Caseload midwives usually work on a 24-hour on-call basis (this may be organised within a group) and may be employed on an annualised salary. This is also known as a midwifery continuity of carer model of care and may be a private or public arrangement. Midwifery caseload may be managed within a midwifery group practice model where a small number of midwives join together in a group with each midwife having their own caseload and providing backup for the other midwives in the group practice. A key aspect of caseload midwifery practice that differentiates it from 'team midwifery' models is that women have a named midwife, caseload midwives have a self-managed workload that is outside of a traditional roster structure and provides a high level of continuity of a known carer across the continuum of maternity care. Note that this is different to team midwifery.

Source and reference attributes

- Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Epidemiology and Statistics Unit

Relational attributes

- Metadata items which use this glossary item:
  - Maternity model of care
    - Maternity model of care NBPDS
      - Health, Standard 14/05/2015
    - Maternity model of care—midwifery caseload indicator
      - Health, Standard 14/05/2015
    - Maternity model of care—midwifery caseload indicator, yes/no code N
      - Health, Standard 14/05/2015
    - Maternity model of care—midwifery caseload size
      - Health, Standard 14/05/2015
    - Maternity model of care—midwifery caseload size, number N[NN]
      - Health, Standard 14/05/2015