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## Your maternity team

### Midwife

You may meet several midwives throughout your pregnancy, birth and beyond. Midwives are the main caregiver when your pregnancy and birth are straight forward. In Suffolk and North East Essex we are working hard to ensure each woman has a named midwife who is responsible for her care.

### Obstetrician

These are doctors who specialise in caring for women during pregnancy, birth and in the period immediately after birth (whilst in hospital). You may see an obstetrician during pregnancy if you have any issues which require review or more specialised management and they will be involved if you have a caesarean or assisted birth.

### Sonographers

These are professionals who undertake your ultrasound scans. They are specially trained to undertake scans during pregnancy.

### Maternity support workers

You may meet these support workers during pregnancy, birth or beyond. They support the maternity team and provide some of your care throughout the journey.

### Student midwives

Our hospitals work closely with local universities to support midwives in training. These student midwives will work alongside their midwife 'mentor' and will ask for your consent before providing you with any care.

You may also meet other members of staff or medical students, depending on your pregnancy needs and where you choose to have your care.