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## **Introduction to West of Scotland Guideline for Supervisors of Midwives**

These guidelines have been produced to supplement the national guidelines produced by the Local Supervising Authority Midwifery Officer's Forum UK. These guidelines are available in the West of Scotland Guidance for supervisors of midwives guidance folder and can also be accessed on [www.midwife.org.uk](http://www.midwife.org.uk) or [www.midwiferysupervision-woslsa.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.midwiferysupervision-woslsa.scot.nhs.uk)

These guidelines were originally developed for use in the North West of England Local Supervising Authority (LSA) and has been adapted for use (with permission) for the West of Scotland LSAs. These guidelines have been adapted for use by Joy Payne LSA Midwifery Officer and West of Scotland Supervisors of Midwives Guideline Development Group.

The contents are intended to offer guidance to all Supervisors of Midwives working within the West of Scotland. They are not intended to be prescriptive other than in relation to the NMC Midwives rules and standards (2004), The Code - Standards of conduct, performance and ethics for nurses and midwives (2008) and other NMC standards and advice.

In some sections of the guidelines there are examples of checklists and pro-forma for use by Supervisors of Midwives. These may be copied or adapted locally in each LSA.



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The guidance will be reviewed and updated every three years and will be available on-line on or [www.midwiferysupervision-woslsa.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.midwiferysupervision-woslsa.scot.nhs.uk)

Each SoM will be responsible for updating their individual Guideline Folder as and when required.

**N.B. A midwife, SoM or LSA Officer can be either male or female, but is referred to in this text as her/she.**