Personal Case Guidance
Below are guiding principles for your involvement in maternity care for three women.

Aim of this learning activity - To enable you to experience continuity of care for three women from booking through to their transfer to the health visitor. This will provide you with opportunity to evaluate the relationship between clinical decision-making, and women’s experiences in relation to physical, social and psychological wellbeing as a maternity client and that of the family.

Context of this learning activity - The involvement with the three cases will provide an opportunity for continuity of care across the year/course. The NMC requires you to experience continuity of cases and a caseload. We anticipate you attending most care episodes for your personal cases.

Selecting the cases:
- Once you start to become actively involved in the booking appointment you can identify your personal cases.
- Select a range of cases, paying attention to variations in client group, health issues, lifestyle, culture etc.
- Consider the spacing of the cases you select so these can be paced as reasonable as possible across the year/course.

Linking with the case:
- You and your mentor will need to establish verbal consent from the woman for you to follow her care pathway.
- You will arrange to be with the woman at various clinical events across her pregnancy, labour and postnatal period. You may need to make arrangements with other health professionals and agencies involved in her care.
- Arrangements for linking with the activities need to be made by yourself but with discussion with your mentor.
- The time you spend with the woman MUST always be under the supervision of the practitioner involved.
- Any care you provide must reflect the level of practice you have currently reached.
- The educational management of this rests with your mentor, ie sanction the links you make, confirm your attendance, and discuss the learning issues that arise.
- This activity occurs within practice hours and all activity linked to this is placement related. Where relevant the ‘lone-worker’ policy of your Trust applies under direction of your mentor.
- It is suggested you place your name on the woman’s hand held records for contact for the birth and request she highlights this at any admission or commences labour for a home birth.
- You must ensure your mentor/community team have your contact details.
- A list of student midwife contact details will be held on Labour Ward and MLBU.
- You have some discretion as to the scope of ‘on call’ you are able to provide however you should aim to attend at least one birth for your cases.
- If a care activity occurs during theory time you MUST discuss with the Module Lead/session facilitator to assess if involvement is appropriate.
- All care activity outside normal placement time must be recorded on a Placement Attendance Sheet and signed by the supervising practitioner.
- Any approved absence from learning must be made up by demonstrating achievement of session Learning Outcomes.

**Recording the cases** – The details of the cases need to be included in a specific section of your portfolio. Where relevant, activities involved with these cases can be included in your EU clinical requirements and can also contribute to placement learning outcomes. If you are not with your mentor for these visits then the use of the ‘Evidence of Working with Others’ / ‘Spoke placement Summative record’ sheets will need to be completed in line with current requirements.

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The focus of your cases will be different in each year of the course.

- **Year 1 / PP 1** – the focus will be that of midwifery led care and improving health.
- **Year 2/ PP 2** – the focus will be on more complex cases involving women with circumstances making them vulnerable and obstetric led cases.
- **Year 3 / PP 3** – the focus will be on the management and decision making for midwifery led cases.

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