

In the Spotlight



Name: Sam Wood

JOB TITLE: **LEAD MIDWIFE
FETAL MEDICINE,
ROYAL GWENT HOSPITAL**

Qualifications & Training: Qualified as a Registered Nurse in 1990. 3 years medical nursing before undertaking an 18 month Diploma in Midwifery. 20 years as a hospital-based Midwife. 7 years in current post of Fetal Medicine Midwife.

Main features of the role: Expert in the care and management of high risk pregnancy and fetal anomaly (eg. chromosome or genetic conditions / complications of multiple pregnancy / MCDA twins and higher order multiple pregnancy i.e. triplets).

- Acting as the first point of contact for Fetal Medicine Clinic referrals
- Liaising with all relevant Paediatric specialties (e.g. neonatologists, neurologists, nephrologists and specialist nurses, sonographers)
- Working closely with Fetal Medicine Consultant, Mrs Manjambigai
- Referring patients to tertiary Fetal Medicine Units in Wales and the UK
- Serving as a point of contact by midwives to provide ongoing advice and support.
- Providing counselling to women referred to the service.
- Bereavement support

“The nature of the role means it can be stressful and challenging but it’s incredibly rewarding to know that I can give support at such a difficult, stressful and emotional time.”