

BNA Response to Shortage of Midwives in Hospitals

The BNA, British Nursing Association, is responding to the UK shortage of midwives, highlighted in a BBC Panorama programme (July 25 2011), with a recruitment drive for agency midwives.

[British Nursing Association](http://www.bna.co.uk) is a UK nursing agency that specialises in temporary work for qualified midwives and other nurses who require extra hours or who want to work part-time because of family commitments, for example. Pay rates are up to £36.96 per hour for midwife team managers in central London (reference http://www.bna.co.uk/?page_id=301)

The BBC investigation found that maternity units nationwide closed 1,055 times in 2010, mainly because of under-staffing or lack of beds. The problem was worst in London, with Barnet Hospital closing its maternity unit doors 102 times. Cathy Warwick general secretary of the Royal College of Midwives, said: "The most critical issue facing maternity services is that they are desperately short of midwives."

[British Nursing Association](http://www.bna.co.uk) says that qualified midwives and other staff interested in agency work should register contact details on-line in the first instance at www.bna.co.uk for agency jobs nationwide – also see www.facebook.com/BritishNursingAssociation

BNA is the longest serving of all UK nursing agencies. It has helped nurses to further their career goals since 1948 it says. The association today is still a preferred supplier of agency nurses and HCA jobs and staff to NHS and private hospitals, GP Surgeries and other Primary Care service providers.

[BNA](http://www.bna.co.uk) offers midwife vacancies in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland – including in Belfast, Birmingham, Bradford, Bristol, Cardiff, Coventry, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool and London, Manchester, Nottingham, Sheffield, Sunderland and Wakefield too.

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