

# Willow Team

Best Start

## International Day of the Midwife 2021: Investing in Midwives & students

**Project title: Willow Team (Best Start Team)**

### Project overview and aims

- Implementation of Continuity Team
- Improving Outcomes for Woman and Families
- Caring for Woman in all aspects of Midwifery Care, Antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal period

### Project scope

Allows for Data for a wider implementation in the organisation.

Data including outcomes, Feedback and financial cost

### Interdependencies

- This project requires cross site working and support from all areas.

### Potential Outputs

Improved Outcomes for Woman and families  
Cost Implications of reduced adverse outcomes  
Resources and staff establishment used more effectively  
Staff satisfaction in the role

**Board/team: NHS Lothian**

### Project team

Willow Community Team

Team 10 Midwives

1 team Leader

9 midwives

Director of Midwifery

Associate Director of Midwifery

Project Manger

Clinical Manger

### Timeline

This is a continuing project that will be a wider organisation change with NHS lothian

### Additional resources required

We have been very fortunate to secure a short secondment for a Midwifery Care Assistant which will allow for evidence to be provided to assess their place in the teams moving forward.

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**Project title: Alnisa Service (plus new extended role)**

**Project overview and aims**

Provide support and Risk assessment to women who have had female genital mutilation. Ensure good child protection outcomes and robust clinical assessment to ensure good clinical outcome

Provide support and risk assessment to women who are in (or have been in) abusive relationships including domestic abuse and childhood sexual abuse

**Project scope**

All women who have had F.G.M.

Women who require and accept additional support

**Interdependencies**

**Risks**

- Women with FGM often come to UK as refugees or as wives of refugee/asylum seekers so they are in a brand new country and have no knowledge of systems such as the NHS so a health advocate/translator would be a great benefit
- Effects of domestic abuse on woman/fetus and the wider economy are well documented

**Potential Outputs**

**Board/team: Alnisa Service**

**Project team**

Vickie Davitt – Lead Midwife

Breda Wilson – Child Protection Adviser

Anne Armstrong – Obstetrician

Ellie Golightly – Gynaecologist

Susan Kidd – Paediatrician(???)

Psychiatrist –

Will Anderson – Plastic Surgeon

**Timeline**

Alnisa started in 2015

Extended role started in December 2020

**Additional resources required**

Part time admin support - would benefit both parts of role

Psychiatrist/psychologist counselling sessions

Health Advocate/translator (as discussed)

# Aspen Team

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**Project title: AspenTeam (Best Start Team)**

### **Project overview and aims**

- Implementation of Continuity Team
- Improved outcomes for Woman and Families
- Improved satisfaction for Midwives

### **Project scope**

Working on team set up including 8 week rolling rota, 12 hour on call system, upskilling of staff both in community and labour ward. This may then be replicated into other teams when needed.

### **Interdependencies**

- Multi-agency working across all disciplines
- Working closely and alongside labour ward staff.

### **Potential Outputs**

Increased satisfaction for women that are cared for  
Increased work/life balance for staff  
Increased autonomy for midwives both looking after women and their working week

**Board/team: NHS Lothian**

### **Project team**

Aspen Team Midwives

Team 11 Midwives  
1 team Leader  
10midwives

Director of Midwifery  
Associate Director of Midwifery  
Project Manager  
Clinical Manager

### **Timeline**

Team has been up and running since May 2019.

### **Additional resources required**

Began with 8 midwives covering 2 areas, now increased to 10 midwives covering 4 areas of West Lothian.

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