

# Working with us

## Be part of a growing team

The Maternity Unit at Hinchingbrooke NHS Trust was opened in 1983 offering a fully comprehensive Maternity Service; care is either Midwifery Led, Consultant Led or shared care. The unit has approximately 2,700 births per year. On the delivery unit there are 9 delivery rooms several being ensuite and one with access to the birthing pool, we have an obstetric theatre and a high risk delivery room, a bereavement suite and a four bedded observation bay.

Lilac ward is a mixed antenatal and postnatal ward with 28 beds; 5 bays of 5 beds, and 3 single rooms for medical or amenity needs. Each bay has en suite facilities which include wet room.

### Hinchingbrooke's New Midwifery Led Unit – The Primrose Suite.

Opened in June 2009, the Primrose Suite is an exciting new addition to the choices for women at Hinchingbrooke.

The suite is available for use by women who choose to birth in a low risk birthing environment within the hospital and who are low risk and at term when they go into labour. This purpose designed and built area is independent to the labour ward and consists of a reception and waiting area with two birthing rooms and a two bedded rest area. The area is bright and contemporary in design with stylish photography adorning the walls, colourful curtains and toning furniture give this area a comfortable non clinical feel.

The rest area and both birthing rooms are ensuite, with direct access to a new pool room from one birthing room. The rooms are equipped with Bradbury couches and other birthing aids to support women in exploring positions for birth.



**Jan Palmer**

My vision for the next year is to grow Maternity Services at Hinchingbrooke, not only within our workforce but also develop the services we have to offer women in our care. As a unit we want to offer informed choice to all women and extend our boundaries of care. We also want to ensure that we raise our profile and reputation as a first class Maternity unit offering high quality services for all.

With the new Midwifery Led Unit (Primrose Suite) which opened in June 2009 we are now able to offer women a full range of choice on where and how they wish to give birth.

Hinchingbrooke also has a great community Midwifery team with skilled Midwives available to support choice and give advice which is individually tailored to suit the need of the women be it a home or hospital birth.

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The Midwives at Hinchingsbrooke are friendly, committed, well supported, compassionate and above all fantastic at what they do. The Midwives who work here want to primarily support, look after and assist women at what is a very important time in their lives.

Whether you are a Midwife wanting to work with us or a woman looking to have your baby here you can be assured that the support you receive during your stay will be second to none.

I welcome you to our Maternity Unit.

**Jan Palmer**  
**Head of Midwifery**



**Hinchingsbrooke Midwives**



# Services

In 2009 Hinchingsbrooke Maternity Service assisted in the delivery of around 2,700 births, 4% of these were home births and 6% were in the Primrose Suite (Midwifery Led Unit). Our 2010 target is to deliver 13% of births in the Primrose Suite. For more detail about our services, please visit the Maternity Services section of our site at [www.hinchingsbrooke.nhs.uk](http://www.hinchingsbrooke.nhs.uk)

**Hinchingsbrooke Hospital offers the following services to provide care for women:**

- **Day Assessment Unit**
- **Antenatal Clinic**
- **Fetal Assessment Unit**
- **Postnatal Clinic**
- **Early Pregnancy Clinic**
- **Midwife Counselling**
- **Choice of place of Birth (Home, Hospital, MLU etc)**
- **Midwife Led examination of the Newborn Clinics**
- **Aqua Classes**
- **Tours of the Unit**
- **Preparation for Parenthood Classes**

# Midwives & more...

To support the Maternity Services we have a number of specialist roles supporting women:

- Vulnerable Women Midwife
- Practice Development Midwife
- Midwife Counsellor
- Breastfeeding Midwife
- Examination of the Newborn Midwife
- Risk Management Midwife
- CNST Project Lead Midwife
- Labour Ward Coordinator
- Midwife Sonographers
- Infection Control Midwife
- IT and Data Collection Midwife
- Supervisors of Midwives

In addition we have the following roles to support our Midwives:

- Clerical Support Staff
- Maternity Care Assistants (MCA's)
- Community Midwifery Support Workers (MSW's)
- Peer Support for Breastfeeding

# A day in the life of... Zoe Nesbitt



**Zoe Nesbitt**

Zoe qualified as a Midwife in 2006 in Poole, Dorset before relocating to the area with her partner. Zoe wanted to apply for a post at Hinchingsbrooke as it had a great reputation and so was really keen to secure employment at the Hospital and so was thrilled to join the team in 2007.

"Hinchingsbrooke is a great trust to work for, there is a fantastic team spirit, no hierarchy amongst staff which is great and everyone knows everyone which really bonds the entire team.

In addition the management are both visible and approachable. I love being a Midwife and since joining the team there hasn't been a single day that I have not wanted to come to work"

Zoe currently works as a 'Buddy Midwife' which means that she works 2 weeks in the Hospital setting and 2 weeks in the Community setting on a rotation with another Midwife colleague.

With women wanting access to choice when they are pregnant the rotation enables Midwives who want to work in both settings to keep up to date with their skills and perform duties in all areas of practice.

Zoe is a firm supporter of the Midwifery Led Unit and says "The MLU is great, it's a service that women are keen to use and one that we are thrilled to be able to offer. It enables us as Midwives to get back to the bedside with women and really offer them 1:1 care in labour.

It's a privilege to be able to give women in my care the service and support that they both want and need, the women are after all part of our extended team here at Hinchingsbrooke.

## Working at Hinchingsbrooke... the benefits

When you join Hinchingsbrooke, we don't just look at you for who you are now - we look at you for who you could be in the future. We take training very seriously, and encourage you to do the same. To help our employees deliver their best, we encourage and support our people in developing their capabilities

Ensuring the well-being of our workforce is a priority. We have a broad range of initiatives designed to promote the health, safety and welfare of all our employees - including programmes that encourage and support work/life balance through flexible working hours.

If you're wondering whether we're the employer for you, the honest answer is that Hinchingsbrooke is what you make of it. The opportunities are all out there, waiting. It's up to you to seize them.

### Additional Benefits for Midwives:

- A structured induction Programme including rotation in both the Birthing Unit and in the community or for newly qualified Midwives a 1 year Preceptorship Programme
- Allocated Supervisor and Mentor
- Mandatory updates
- Appraisals
- Ongoing support for training
- In-House Leadership Programme
- ALSO Course
- Ongoing Succession planning for Examination of the Newborn, Ultra-Sonography & Supervision

**For full details of what Hinchingsbrooke can offer you please visit:  
<http://www.hinchingsbrooke.nhs.uk/page/working-for-us/staff-benefits>**

# So why should I work at Hinchingsbrooke? What can it offer me?

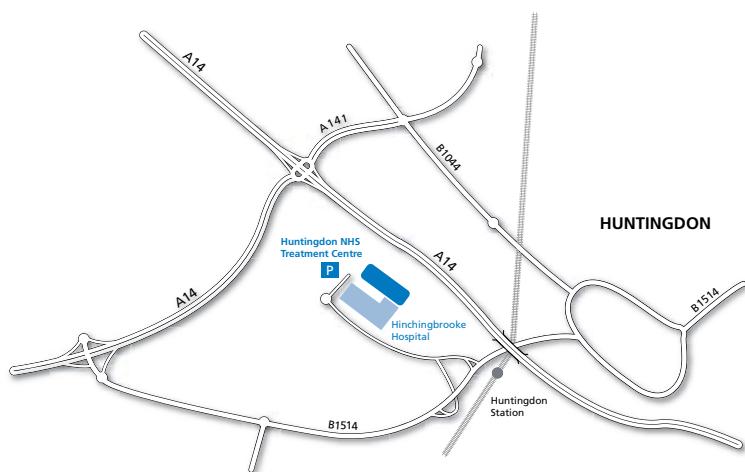
Huntingdon town lies on the north bank of the River Great Ouse, opposite Godmanchester and adjacent to the market town of St Ives in the east and the village of Brampton in the west.

Huntingdon now incorporates the village of Hartford to the east, and the developing areas of Oxmoor, Stukeley Meadows and Hinchingsbrooke to the north and west.

Whilst the area has great historical importance, it really can offer you a little bit of everything. There are great places to visit, a range of country parks, waterways, sporting activities, museums and much more all within reaching distance of Huntingdon and its surrounding villages.

**For more information visit:**

**<http://www.visithuntingdonshire.org/>**



## Getting to Huntingdonshire:

### By Road and Sea:

- The A1 is an important north-south link to Huntingdon.
- The A14 dual carriageway links Huntingdonshire with the Midlands in the West and the ports of Harwich and Felixstowe in the East.
- The A14 also links Huntingdonshire with the M11 as an additional route in to London.
- The M11 connects with the M25 to give good access to the South East and South Coast.

### By Rail:

- Huntingdon and St Neots are connected with London Kings Cross by a frequent 50 minute service operated by First Capital Connect.
- Huntingdon is connected to Peterborough by First Capital Connect and on to the North and Scotland by the Great North Eastern Railway. Tel: **08457 484950**.

### By Air:

- The airports of Luton, Stansted, Heathrow and Gatwick are all within a convenient drive.

### By Bus:

- National Express runs a fast, efficient service. Tel: **08717 818181**.

### Guided Bus:

- For details of the guided bus from St Ives to Cambridge visit **[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)**

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