Northamptonshire Area Health Authority - Kettering District

Midwifery Division - Policy No. 9

Recordings of B.B.A.s - explanation

The first Midwife in attendance after delivery is responsible for all records and notification of birth. Recordings should be as follows:-

1. If the first Midwife in attendance is a Community Midwife OUTSIDE the Hospital:-

Record in the Home Confinements Register in the Midwives Office.

Include in the Community Midwives Kalamazoo return.

DO NOT enter in the hospital Register of Cases.

DO NOT include in the hospital statistics.

2. If the first Midwife in attendance is a Community Midwife IN the hospital:-

Record in the Hospital Register as a Community Midwife's case.

Include it in the hospital statistics as a Community Midwife's case in hospital.

Include it in the Kalamazoo return of the Community Midwife concerned, as a Midwife's delivery in hospital.

DO NOT enter in the Home Confinements Register.

3. If the first Midwife in attendance is a Hospital Midwife in the hospital:-

Record in the Hospital Register of Cases.

Include in the hospital statistics.

DO NOT enter in the home confinements register.

4. If the first Midwife in attendance is a Hospital Midwife OUTSIDE the hospital:-

Deal with as in (1) above. The hospital Midwife should obtain a Kalamazoo form from the Community Nursing Officer. (Midwifery) and after making the entry, should return it to the same Nursing Officer without delay.

N.B. All B.B.A.s should be entered in chronological order among the other case entries in the registers of cases, but should be clearly marked "B.B.A.".