

# Independent midwives



## NCT position statement

The NCT defends the right of pregnant women to have their baby in the environment and with the kind of care that they feel is right for them. Having access to an independent midwife can make all the difference for women who have been traumatised in previous births, who want a home birth, or want a normal birth for their twins or breech baby. When the NHS is understaffed, inflexible or unresponsive, the right to go elsewhere enables women to make choices and obtain the kind of care they want. Independent midwives charge for their services, so they are not accessible to everyone. However they always try to offer affordable help to women in need.



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The NCT (formerly the National Childbirth Trust) is the UK's leading charity on pregnancy, birth and early parenthood. Every year the charity supports thousands of parents through an incredible life-changing experience, offering relevant information and mutual support through our network of over 300 local branches, UK wide helplines, antenatal and early days courses, breastfeeding counselling and peer support schemes.

Operating for over 50 years, the NCT is recognised as the voice of pregnant women and new parents throughout the UK. The charity works continuously for improvements to maternity care and better services and facilities for new parents. We are viewed by many as independent experts in matters relating to pregnancy, birth and early parenthood and are an influential and trusted advisor to UK governments, royal colleges, private sector bodies and other charities.

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