



## GUIDELINE

### Visiting Midwifery Service (VMS)

<b>Scope (Staff):</b>	Nursing and Medical Staff
<b>Scope (Area):</b>	NICU KEMH, NICU PCH, NETS WA

#### Child Safe Organisation Statement of Commitment

CAHS commits to being a child safe organisation by applying the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. This is a commitment to a strong culture supported by robust policies and procedures to reduce the likelihood of harm to children and young people.

This document should be read in conjunction with this [disclaimer](#)

Visiting Midwifery Service (VMS) is utilised to visit infants in the Perth Metro area who do not fit the home visiting nurse criteria.


Refer to the O&G [Visiting Midwifery Service \(VMS\) Referral](#) guideline

- VMS will visit if the family reside within a 40km radius of the hospital.
- Complete VMS Neonatal referral form (MR 255.03) and a Home Visiting Risk Assessment form (MR255.04) and deliver both to the Hospital Clinical Managers office.
- A courtesy call and message can be left on the VMS answering machine – but is not a requirement. Phone: 6458 1530
- Referrals for the next day should be received by the Hospital Clinical Manager by 1930 hours.
- Place 8 addressograph labels in the infant's child health book.
- Visits will be on the following day between 0800-1600 hours (7 days/week) unless arranged.

**References and related external legislation, policies, and guidelines**

WNHS Obstetrics & Gynaecology – [Visiting Midwifery Service \(VMS\): Referrals](#)

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