



# MIDWIFE SONOGRAPHER

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES



## ABOUT THE TRUST

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH) is the main provider of acute hospital services for around half a million people in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and mid Wales.

Encompassing some of the most picturesque parts of England and Wales, the Trust's catchment stretches from the Cambrian Mountains in the west, to Newport and the fringes of the Black Country in the east.

The main towns include: Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Market Drayton, Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Whitchurch (in Shropshire); Newport, Telford and Wellington (in Telford & Wrekin); and Newtown and Welshpool (in Powys) – all beautiful and unique.

Our main service locations are The Princess Royal Hospital (PRH) in Telford and The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH) in Shrewsbury which are located 20 minutes drive apart. Together they provide 99% of our activity. Both hospitals provide a wide range of acute hospital services including accident & emergency, outpatients, diagnostics, inpatient medical care and critical care.

We also provide services such as consultant-led outreach clinics at Telford, the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen and the Bridgnorth, Ludlow and Whitchurch Community Hospitals.

We employ more than 6,000 people, and hundreds of colleagues and students from other organisations also work in our hospitals. We benefit from around 1,000 wonderful volunteers, and our main charitable partners are the League of Friends at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Friends of The Princess Royal Hospital, and the Lingen Davies Cancer Appeal which is based at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.



# OUR VISION AND VALUES

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust is an organisation that strives to provide high quality, safe care for our patients in an environment which our staff are proud to work in

## Our Vision:

“To provide excellent care for the communities we serve”

## Our Values:



## OUR VISION

We believe that by adhering to our Vision and working with our Values in mind we can behave in a way which will ensure the right results for the people that matter most – our patients and their families.

## OUR VALUES

Our Trust Values provide a guide for our daily lives which we are all expected to uphold, both at work and when we are representing the Trust.

Our Values were developed by staff and our patients, so they represent what is important to us within the organisation and the way we should all behave towards patients, carers, visitors, partners and each other.

You will see our Values throughout the Trust; they are not just words on a page, they represent what we are about here at SaTH. We want patients and their families to say that the care and service they receive from all of us is consistently high-quality, safe, effective, and personalised, so the feelings behind the Values shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone working in the NHS.

The reason why it is important that they are clearly written down is, so we all know what's expected, and none of us are surprised if we are asked to explain any unacceptable behaviour. Ultimately, if we follow our Values, we will provide services that are better for our patients and better for each other.

# COLLEAGUE BENEFITS

## GENERAL

27 days annual leave entitlement at joining, increasing with length of service, plus 8 bank holidays

Flexible working policies

Generous maternity pay and 2 weeks full pay paternity leave

Colleague recognition scheme and long service awards

Option to buy and sell additional annual leave

Greener travel initiative, including cycle to work scheme and lift share

Childcare information and support available, including onsite nurseries

Discounted bus passes with Arriva

## FINANCIAL

Access to various local and national discounts via various external websites

- Blue Light Card
- Health Service
- Discounts NHS

Salary sacrifice schemes for home electronics and bikes

Generous Pension scheme

Access to a financial support booklet

Pre-retirement courses

Free Will writing service

Savings and Loan schemes

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING

### PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

- Coaching
- Mental Health First
- Aiders Chaplaincy

### PHYSICAL SUPPORT

- Fast track physiotherapy service Free
- eye test vouchers

### HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- Slimming World referral scheme Staff
- cervical screening service Long Covid support
- Access to wellbeing/rest rooms
- Menopause support including advocates, webinars, toolkits, clinics, and bi-monthly meet ups Men's
- Health - Bi-monthly forums and men's MOT
- Sleep School Wellbeing Support

Discounts with local gyms

## LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

### COACHING AND MENTORING

Opportunities to grow, develop and perform at your best

### LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Leadership and management training for all levels of staff

### ACCESS TO ELEARNING COURSES

Many eLearning modules to learn from with access available at home

### APPRENTICESHIPS

There are a growing number of apprenticeship opportunities at SaTH across all disciplines

Secondment and acting-up opportunities

Support to complete qualifications such as NVQ, Masters etc. whilst on the job





## JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>Job Title</b>	Midwife Sonographer
<b>Band</b>	7
<b>Directorate</b>	Service Delivery Directorate
<b>Accountable to</b>	Superintendent Sonographer
<b>DBS Required?</b>	Enhanced

## JOB OVERVIEW

To support the Superintendent sonographer in the provision of a professional ultrasound service.

- The role of the midwife sonographer is to perform and report independently on a wide range of ultrasound examinations. This includes 1st trimester screening, anomaly scans, growth, liquor volume and Doppler, placentography, fertility scan, Early Pregnancy including transvaginal scanning as well as obstetric scans that may be necessary during pregnancy. obstetric scans, as necessary throughout pregnancy.
- As well as writing reports for the medical profession and keeping appropriate records, the sonographer is required to communicate potentially distressing diagnoses directly to patients and refer these patients appropriately.
- The maintenance of a high standard of patient care and medical ethics is essential.

## Scope and Range

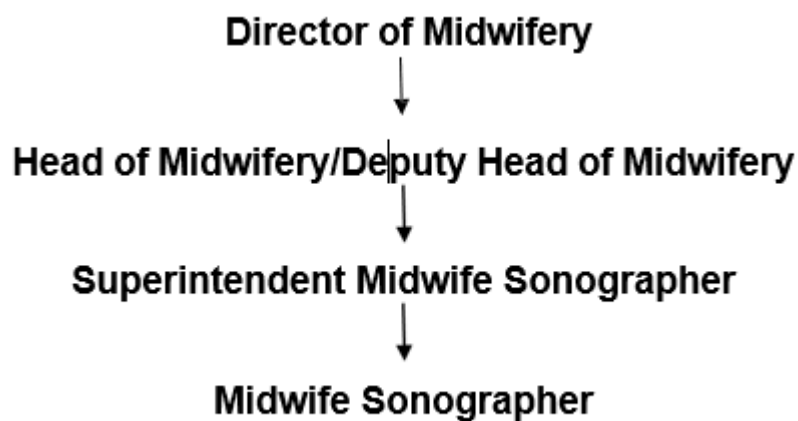
- The sonographer is involved in the clinical training of ultrasound trainees and other medical personnel.
- They also supervise anyone working with them such as recently qualified sonographers..
- The sonographer participates in CPD and other developmental activities and takes part in research/audit as required

## Main Duties and Responsibilities

- The sonographer provides a highly specialist clinical technical service using ultrasound scans to carry out diagnosis
- The sonographer analyses complex data and is expected to obtain maximum possible diagnostic information taking into account any anatomical or pathological limitations  
Superintendent Midwife Sonographer Midwife Sonographer 'Our vision is to provide excellent care for the communities we serve'
- The sonographer must possess a high level of specialist knowledge over a wide range of ultrasound procedures and/or the highest level in-depth expertise in a particular area of ultrasound comparable to senior clinicians
- The sonographer is required to have the appropriate technical skill to operate the ultrasound machinery safely and effectively
- The sonographer is expected to scan in a variety of settings and locations: scans are performed in the main and satellite departments, also in other specialist departments including one-stop clinics i.e. Early Pregnancy Assessment Clinic
- The sonographer exercises independent judgment during the ultrasound examination to accurately differentiate between normal and pathological findings. The sonographer then analyses the scan information and medical history in order to write a report for the relevant physician and to decide whether any other imaging examination is required to clarify the ultrasonic findings
- The sonographer will have a pivotal role in the delivery of the first trimester screening programme.
- The sonographer will have responsibility for giving high and low risk results to women and partners.
- The Sonographer will provide support to women going through the fetal medicine unit and work closely with the specialist teams (Bereavement Midwife, Diabetic Midwife, Clinical Risk Team, Early Pregnancy Nurses) and members of multidisciplinary team.
- The sonographer has responsibility for the safety and well-being of the patient undergoing the ultrasound examination
- Proactively support and participate with a multi-disciplinary team to ensure an effective, efficient delivery of service in order to maintain departmental standards.
- Take part in appropriate clinical audit
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- To monitor the cleanliness and safety of the department and liaise with estates or housekeeping dept as necessary







## PERSON SPECIFICATION

The following pages contain a description of the qualifications, skills, experience, knowledge and other attributes a candidate should ideally possess to successfully perform this role.



# QUALIFICATIONS

ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered Midwife</li> <li>Hold a relevant Case Accredited, Postgraduate Ultrasound certificate in Obstetric Ultrasound</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desirable to have experience or relevant qualification in Research and Development.</li> </ul>

# EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be able to care for women whose pregnancies have the potential to be, or are complicated with fetal anomalies, potential genetic disorders, past history of genetic disorders or previous complicated pregnancies.</li> <li>Must be able to give counselling, along with on- going support for women with high-risk pregnancies, fetal abnormalities and following the loss of a baby if needed.</li> <li>Must be able to perform detailed obstetric scans to look for fetal abnormalities.</li> <li>Must be experienced in all types of obstetric ultrasound scans. To confirm intrauterine death.</li> <li>To monitor and assess complex and high-risk pregnancies, using Doppler when appropriate. To make decisions following assessment and make appropriate follow up appointments or take appropriate action.</li> <li>To be a point of referral for community services.</li> <li>To provide practical training and assessment to postgraduates and clinicians in basic and advanced obstetric ultrasound.</li> <li>Must be to use necessary reporting system/image recording system.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To have experience in writing protocols and guidelines along with patient care pathways using research based evidence.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possess knowledge and understanding of the audit process and undertake clinical audit.</li> <li>• Must be able to work independently and be competent to write concise and accurate reports.</li> <li>• Must be prepared to contribute to developing service protocols and audit. appropriate follow up appointments or take appropriate action.</li> <li>• To be a point of referral for community services.</li> <li>• To provide practical training and assessment to postgraduates and clinicians in basic and advanced obstetric ultrasound.</li> <li>• Must be to use necessary reporting system/image recording system.</li> <li>• Possess knowledge and understanding of the audit process and undertake clinical audit.</li> <li>• Must be able to work independently and be competent to write concise and accurate reports.</li> <li>• Must be prepared to contribute to developing service protocols and audit.</li> </ul>	
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## SKILLS

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be prepared to continue with professional development to ensure high standard of ultrasound examination and to maintain State registration. Ultrasound is quickly evolving medium, which requires the sonographer to learn new skills and new ways of applying ultrasound.</li> <li>• Must be able to adapt and incorporate new procedures in fetal medicine. (Fast evolving area of obstetrics.)</li> </ul>	

# OTHER

ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High risk of repetitive strain injury through Scanning</li><li>• Prolonged looking at a monitor causes eyestrain. (Guidelines suggest no more than 12 scans per session)</li><li>• Must be able to work effectively in a potentially high-pressurised emotive environment, with urgent patients and unpredictable workload.</li><li>• Must be able to provide counselling for families after the loss of their baby</li><li>• Understanding and demonstration of the Trust Values</li></ul>	

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

As they undertake their duties, all our people are required to uphold and demonstrate the Trust's core values of: Partnering, Ambitious, Caring and Trusted. Collaboration and partnership are also central to our approach in delivering our fundamental activities of patient care, teaching, and research.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

As an employee of the Trust, you have a responsibility to:

- take reasonable care of your own Health and Safety and that of any other person who may be affected by your acts or omissions at work; and
- co-operate with the Trust in ensuring that statutory regulations, codes of practice, local policies and departmental health and safety rules are adhered to; and
- not intentionally or recklessly interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interests of health and safety



# INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

The prevention and management of acquired infection is a key priority for the Trust. As an employee of the Trust, you have a responsibility to:

- ensure that your work methods are compliant with the Trust's agreed policies and procedures and do not endanger other people or yourself; and
- be aware of infection prevention and control policies, practices, and guidelines appropriate for your duties and you must follow these at all times to maintain a safe environment for patients, visitors and colleagues; and
- maintain an up-to-date knowledge of infection prevention and control, policies, practices, and procedures through attendance at annual mandatory updates and ongoing continuing professional development; and
- challenge poor infection prevention and control practices of others and to report any breaches, using appropriate Trust mechanisms (e.g. incident reporting policy)

# INFORMATION GOVERNANCE

The Trust is committed to compliance with Information Governance standards to ensure that all information is handled legally, securely, efficiently, and effectively. You are required to comply with the Trust's Information Governance policies and standards.

- Confidentiality and Security - Your attention is drawn to the confidential nature of information collected within the NHS. Whilst you are employed by the Trust you will come into contact with confidential information and data relating to the work of the Trust, its patients or employees. You are bound by your conditions of service to respect the confidentiality of any information you may come into contact with which identifies patients, employees or other Trust personnel, or business information of the Trust. You also have a duty to ensure that all confidential information is held securely at all times, both on and off site.
- Disclosure of Information - To ensure that information is only shared with the appropriate people in appropriate circumstances, care must be taken to check the recipient has a legal basis for access to the information before releasing it. Upon leaving the Trust's employment and at any time thereafter you must not take advantage of or disclose confidential information that you learnt in the course of your employment, to protect yourself and the Trust from any possible legal action.
- Information Quality and Records Management - You must ensure that all information handled by you is accurate and kept up-to-date and you must comply with the Trust's recording, monitoring, validation and improvement schemes and processes.

# PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW

As an employee of the Trust, you have a responsibility to:

- participate in continuous personal development including, statutory and mandatory training as appropriate for the post; and
- maintain consistently high personal and professional standards and act in accordance with the relevant professional code of conduct; and
- take responsibility for the maintenance and improvement of personal and professional competence and to encourage that of colleagues and subordinates

# SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

We all have a personal and a professional responsibility within the Trust to identify and report abuse.

As an employee of the Trust, you have a responsibility to ensure that:

- you are familiar with and adhere to the Trusts Safeguarding Children procedures and guidelines
- you attend safeguarding awareness training and undertake any additional training in relation to safeguarding relevant to your role

# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Trust is committed to behaving responsibly in the way we manage transport, procurement, our facilities, employment, skills, and our engagement with the local community so that we can make a positive contribution to society. As an employee of the Trust, you have a responsibility to take measures to support our contribution and to reduce the environmental impact of our activities relating to energy and water usage, transport and waste.

# CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust is committed to creating a culture that puts Continuous Improvement at the forefront of our transformational journey and our aim is to empower colleagues at all levels have the confidence, capability, passion, and knowledge, to test changes and make improvements at SaTH and in the communities we serve.

Following a successful five-year partnership with the Virginia Mason Institute in the USA, SaTH

continues to further develop and embed the Trust's approach to Continuous Improvement at all levels of the organisation. You will be supported by an Improvement Hub, which will provide the necessary expertise to support you make improvements, while also providing training at various stages of your time at SaTH, as part of your continuing professional development.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust is striving towards being an equal opportunities employer. No job applicant or colleague will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, age, sex, marital status or on the grounds of disability or sexual preference.

Selection for training and development and promotion will be on the basis of an individual's ability to meet the requirements of the job.

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust the post-holder will have personal responsibility to ensure they do not discriminate, harass, bully, or contribute to the discrimination, harassment or bullying of a colleague or colleagues, or condone discrimination, harassment or bullying by others.

The post-holder is also required to co-operate with measures introduced to ensure equality of opportunity.

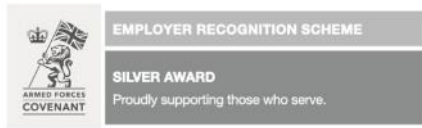
## NO SMOKING POLICY

There is a no smoking policy in operation within the Trust. Smoking within the Trust's premises or within the Trust's grounds is not permitted.

## MISCELLANEOUS

This job description is an outline of the key tasks and responsibilities of the post and is not intended to be an exhaustive list. The job may change over time to reflect the changing needs of the Trust and its services as well as the personal development.







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