

## **St Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny launches new Integrated Community Midwifery Service**



The Maternity Department of St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny are delighted to announce the new Integrated Community Midwifery Service which launched in October 2018.

The launch of this new service will mean that women who are attending SLGH Maternity Services will be provided with an expert service which offers an alternative choice for them in the type of care and birthing options that are currently available such as DOMINO and Early Transfer Home Services.

The service will aid in providing a midwifery led care in-line with the maternity strategy that is "safe, standardised, of high-quality and offers a better experience and more choice to women, families and fathers" Maternity Strategy (2016).

*"I feel this new service will offer choice to women in the type of care and birthing options that are available to them when attending SLGH Maternity services which is safe, quality driven, evidence based and tailored to the individual needs of women and their families attending the Hospital" says Clare Kennedy, Registered Advanced Midwife Practitioner and Clinical Lead for Midwifery Led services in SLGH who will work alongside a team of 6 midwives to provide this service to women. Anna a woman who attended the new service said "everyone is so amazing in this hospital. Can't get over this. It's not just the service we received. It's love! Thank you".*

We can offer 5 types of care to women:

1. Midwifery Led only (Where a woman lives outside the counties of Carlow/Kilkenny).
2. DOMINO (Antenatal care, Intrapartum care and **Postnatal care includes home visits once living in Carlow/Kilkenny**).
3. Vaginal Birth after Caesarean section (Caseload taken by Registered Advanced Midwife Practitioner RAMP).
4. Continuity of Care (Caseload taken by RAMP).
5. Early transfer home where a woman was **not** suitable for Midwifery Led care but can avail of postnatal home visits in her home.

## Awards



The fourth Annual St Luke's Study Day was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May in the Dr Jim Mahon Library and Education Centre. Poster presentation: 1st: Integrated Community Midwifery service



(Left to right) Sam White, Clare Kennedy and Anabela Almeida ICMS on KCLR discussing the new service.

<https://kclr96fm.com/kclr-live-thursday-26th-september-2019-part-two/>



Please see contact details regarding attending our service:

## **Integrated Community Midwifery Service SLGH**



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## Meet the Team



Photo left to right Clare Harte (Community Midwife) Fiona Homans (Community Midwife) Grainne Dalton (Community Midwife) Aine Walsh (Community Midwife) Clare Kennedy (RAMP) Eleanor Purcell (Community Midwife) missing from photo team member Samantha White (Community Midwife)