Quality Improvement - Project Closure Report

Project name: Home Birthing Service reinstatement

Project Lead (operational): (Director of Midwifery)

Project Lead (QI):

Project Team: l (Inpatient maternity manager), (digital lead midwife),

Brief project description
This project addresses the reinstatement of the Jersey Home Birth service which was suspended in October 2024 due to operational deficiencies in staffing, training, and equipment.

The scope includes a review and update of the Home Birth and Water Birth policies, resolution of workforce capacity and remuneration issues, implementation of training (specifically suturing and cannulation) and review of equipment functionality.

The service will be reviewed to meet standards of safety, governance and continuity in alignment with stakeholder requirements.

The project will conclude with a readiness review for a potential relaunch in Q3 2025, subject to executive approval.

Objectives achieved

- 100% of midwifery staff enrolled in skills refresher (suturing, cannulation)
- Revised and approved home birth and water birth policies
- Formalised contingency plans (comms, transport, lone working)
- Standardised kit protocols and revised home birth bag contents
- Formalised transport pathway with the ambulance service to ensure clear, consistent response protocols for home births

Other benefits

- Data quality improving

Evidence of project completion

- Home and Water birth policies reviewed, updated and ratified
- Current and future state processes mapped
- Home birth documentation reviewed and updated
- New process agreed by all stakeholders and ready to start the service again

Benefits realisation

Patient experience	Service improvement
Gives women the option to birth in their preferred environment	New process mapped, identified issues resolved
Enhanced safety for women during home births	Policies reviewed and updated
Improved care through well-equipped and confident midwives	Sustainable training plan in place based on essential competencies

Follow-on actions (and who responsible)

	Action	Owner	Deadline
1	Complete all outstanding items in action log		31/12/25
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Lessons learnt

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Review date and format

- QI to check in, in 6 months? End of January 2026
- QI to make amendments to the process once service re-starts (if necessary)

Sponsor sign off and date

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