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Regulation: supporting the delivery of quality midwifery care

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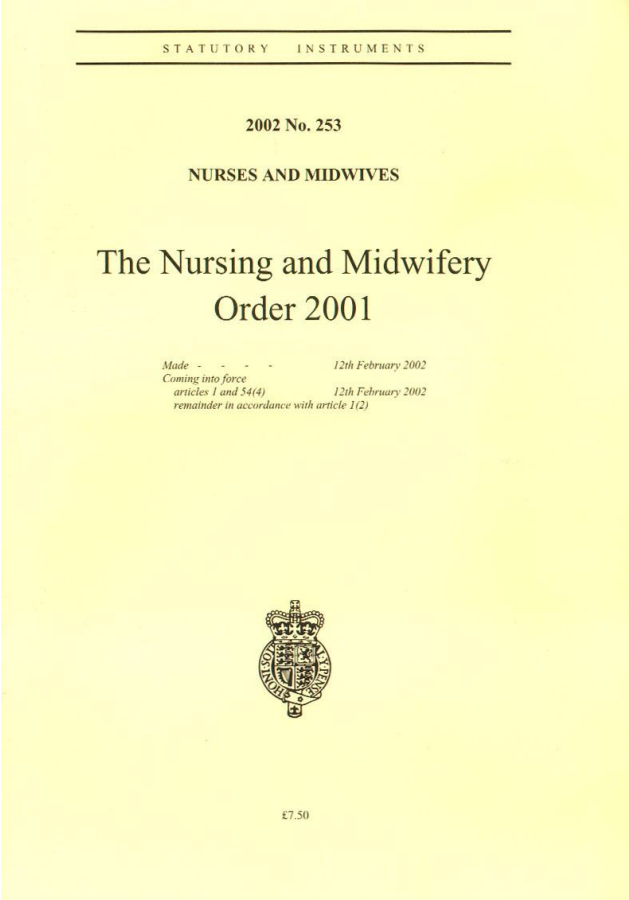
Safeguarding the public

- Established by The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001
- Regulate nurses and midwives across all four countries of the UK and the Islands
- Regulate nurses and midwives in the public, private and voluntary sectors



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 253

NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001

Made - - - - 12th February 2002
Coming into force
articles 1 and 54(4) 12th February 2002
remainder in accordance with article 1(2)

£7.50

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The Nursing & Midwifery Order 2001

The NMC's main objective:

…..shall be to safeguard the health and wellbeing of persons using or needing the services of registrants

(Ref: Part II 3(4) The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001)

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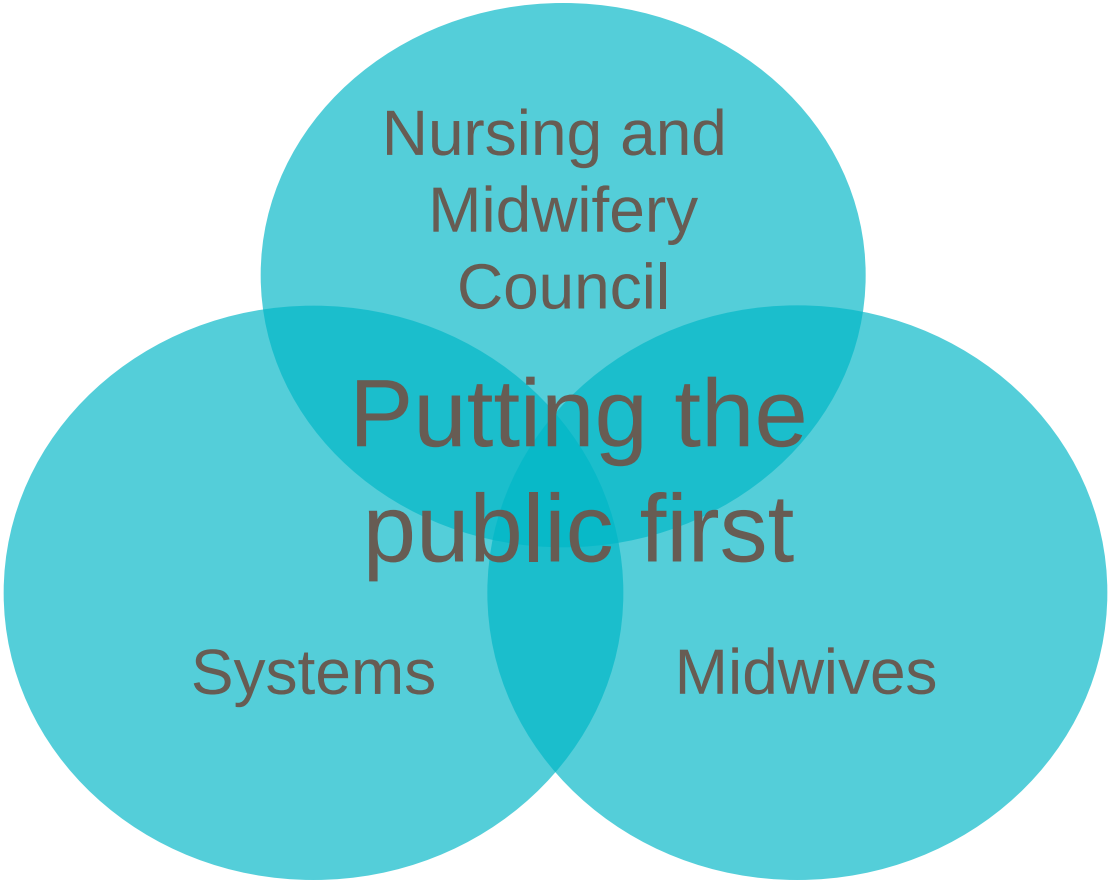
How do we safeguard the public



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What is regulation ?

“ Regulation is usually defined as the setting, monitoring and enforcement of ***standards****. It is a* ***statutory mechanism*** *for ensuring that professionals who practise under a* ***protected title*** *are qualified and have the necessary* ***skills and competencies*** *to practise* ***safely****. Keeping a* ***register*** *remains one the key mechanisms for implementing regulation.”*

Why regulate ?

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A MIDWIFE GOING TO A LABOUR.

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How do we regulate ?

We register all nurses and midwives.

We set the standards of education, training and conduct.

We ensure that nurses and midwives keep their skills and knowledge up to date and uphold the standards of their professional code.

We set rules and standards for midwifery practice and supervision of midwives.

We have processes in place to investigate allegations.

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Midwives and self regulation

“ In fact, there is ultimately a limit to how much regulation can do. In the final analysis, you could write all the rules you want, but there has to be a philosophy of ethical behaviour that comes from human beings operating in a professional way.”

(WH Donaldson, Chairman of US Securities & Exchange Commission)

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Systems

Good employment practices

Fit to practise v fit for purpose

Post registration education provision

Role of systems regulators e.g Care Quality Commission

Effective team working and leadership - ‘ward to board’

Clinical governance and supervision of midwives

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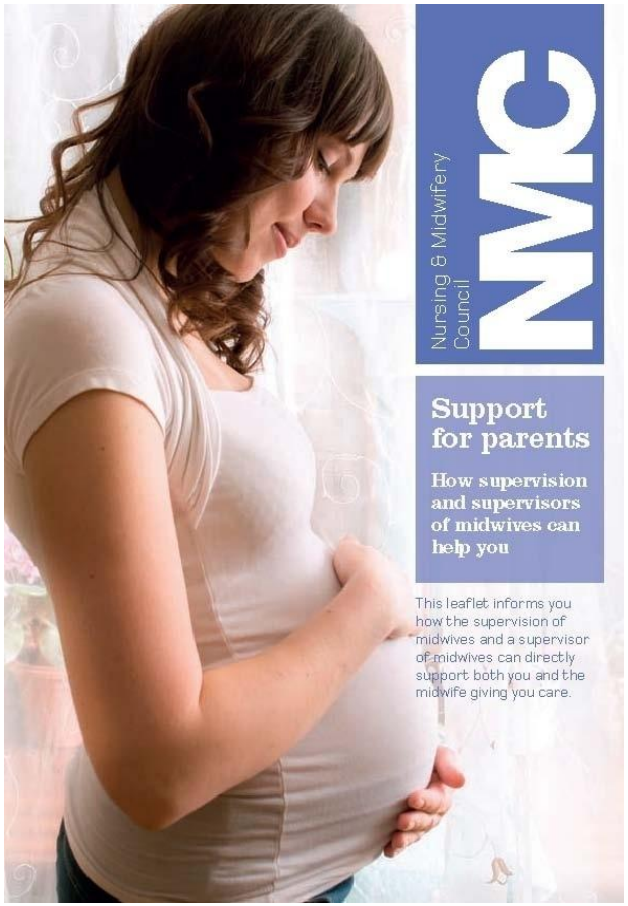
Putting the public first

All women will need a midwife (Midwifery 2020)

Environment of care, place of birth and promoting normality

Expectations and personal experience

User involvement – lay reviewers and giving feedback



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Thank you