

**HEALTHCARE INSPECTORATE WALES
GUIDELINES FOR STATUTORY SUPERVISION OF MIDWIVES**

**ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES
NMC MIDWIVES RULES 2004, RULE 7**

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 NMC Midwives Rule 7 states a practising midwife shall only supply and administer those medicines, including analgesics, in respect of which she has received the appropriate training, including use, dosage and methods of administration.

1.2 This guideline must be used in conjunction with Standards for Medicine Management (NMC 2008) www.nmc-uk.org

2. ROLE OF SUPERVISORS OF MIDWIVES

2.1 The named Supervisor of Midwives will meet with the midwife at least once annually for a supervisory interview.

2.2 During the annual interview, the Supervisor of Midwives will measure the midwife's practice in accordance with Rule 7, including:

- that the midwife complies with NMC and any employer's local policy for the supply, storage, administration and recording of drug use;
- any area of non-compliance will be identified, documented and the Supervisor of Midwives will devise an action plan to address the area of non-compliance.