



Government of **Western Australia**  
**WA Country Health Service**



## Northam Health Service

### Start your country adventure

- ✓ **Work to your full scope**
- ✓ **Be part of a close-knit and supportive team**
- ✓ **Have the adventure of a lifetime**

The Avon Valley (Northam) Midwifery Group Practice is based out of Northam Health Service.

Our small midwifery team provides midwifery-led care to women having low-risk pregnancies from conception through to six weeks postpartum within a case load model of care. Following birth, women are discharged home after four to six hours and followed up with postnatal home visits. We also work collaboratively with metropolitan maternity services to provide shared care to women birthing in Perth.

Enjoy flexible work arrangements to maintain a work-life balance with access to a variety of education opportunities and support from a staff development midwife.

Clinical placements are offered for midwifery students and two graduate midwives are employed each year through our Wheatbelt Newly Qualified Midwife Program.

When it's time to take a break, the Wheatbelt is yours to explore with endless attractions on offer. You can enjoy a relaxed rural lifestyle with the bonus of being just a short drive away from the shows, nightlife, major sports, shopping and beaches that the City of Perth has to offer.



**Our midwives service women within the Avon Valley and central Wheatbelt.**



### We provide:

- ✓ Midwifery-led antenatal care
- ✓ Midwifery Group Practice
- ✓ Hypnobirthing classes
- ✓ Lactation support services (via telehealth)
- ✓ Visiting midwifery services
- ✓ Water births



**We deliver 3 babies each month.**

## Excellence in country maternal and newborn care

**WA Country Health Service strives to provide excellent maternal and newborn care to country women and their families, supporting them to remain closer to home and on country where possible.**

We believe working with women and families during pregnancy and into early childhood provides the opportunity to improve the health of women and babies immediately, with flow-on benefits to the wider community for generations to come.

We offer supportive, collaborative maternity service models including our PROMPT education program, NeoResus program, K2 Infant Guardian CTG system, and coming soon, the Athena e-maternity record. We promote use of the full scope of practice with flexible work arrangements and opportunities for innovative midwifery staff to take on leadership roles and progress quickly up the career ladder.

We provide a range of maternal services in our hospitals including antenatal, birthing and postnatal care.

There are 18 maternity sites across the regions, with Midwifery Group Practice available at 10 of those sites. We operate a specialist model of care at our six major regional hospitals and GP Obstetrics at 11 maternity sites.



## Midwifery and Obstetrics Emergency Telehealth Service

**Our Midwifery and Obstetrics Emergency Telehealth Service (MOETS) is a 24/7 service that supports country clinicians caring for antenatal and intrapartum patients across our hospitals and health sites.**

Support includes:

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Consultant obstetrician advice via the regional on-call system

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Maternal and neonatal transfers

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Clinical policy advice and guidance

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Care planning advice and decision-making

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Escalation of care and clinical conflict of opinion

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Second clinician reviews of Cardiotocographs (CTGs)

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Second opinions

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Perinatal loss and bereavement care advice

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Virtual bedside support during obstetric emergencies

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Support to non-birthing sites for unplanned maternity and gynaecological presentation

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WA Country Health Service has a strong network of public hospitals, health services and nursing posts located across rural and remote Western Australia. Our core business is to provide quality, accessible health services to people living in large regional centres to small remote communities.

**Hear from our staff why they love working in country WA**

[WA Country Health Service - In their words](#)