I am writing to support the need for general nursing and midwifery to form the basis of knowledge, experience and expertese necessary for MCH work. Having a general background gives the understanding to adult dynamics, whereas midwifery ensures the empathy and full background to the mother/baby unit and all they have experienced. My further experience as a neonatal nurse has also aided the knowledge base as there is so much more to MCH nursing, in recognizing not only neonatal/paediatric concerns but also the maternal and family concerns. The midwifery knowledge ensures that the best care and understanding is given to families under our care.

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