

I have been a Maternal and Child Health Nurse for three years. I have over thirty years nursing experience in Midwifery, Paediatrics and Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing. My Midwifery background has been vital to my work as a MCHN. The early discharge policy of Maternity Hospitals, has placed an even greater responsibility on the Community Nurse. The MCHN's Midwifery knowledge is vital to enable the Nurse to provide the safest and best practice care to these new mothers and babies. My vast nursing experience, has aided in my ability to refer mothers and their babies to numerous Allied Health Professionals. In my short time as a MCHN I have been directly responsible for many diagnoses of conditions affecting both mother and child i.e. wound infections, breast feeding issues and mastitis, blood disorders, urinary problems, RPOC, PND. I have referred babies/children for heart conditions, DDH, eye abnormalities, skin conditions and many more. Some serious, some not so serious. I love my work. We need to congratulate and embrace our very high standard of MCH Service within Victoria. I totally believe Midwifery is a vital component, and must be kept if Victoria is to continue to provide this high standard of care to all families.