

## #MoreMidwives

The midwife shortage  
Gets little reportage.  
One to twenty-eight is the recommendation  
But this is not the case across our nation -

It's regularly one to thirty-two,  
They're so short-staffed, but what to do?  
Even one to twenty-eight  
As a ratio is not great.

Safeguarding teams are shrinking  
In line with government's thinking  
That everyone is a specialist,  
They don't see that things will be missed.

The funding on which they're depending is ending  
And that's due to inappropriate government spending.

We're five thousand midwives short!  
In this day and age there really ought  
To be the resources for one-to-one care  
But the resources simply are not there!

Forward this rhyme  
If you think it's time  
That midwifery received a huge cash injection  
We can't leave this to chance and circumspection.

We need #MoreMidwives  
At the start of little lives.

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