

## Response to HIS Maternity Standards Consultation – 31/10/2025

Many thanks for sharing the consultation on these standards. They are comprehensive and we think will have a positive impact on maternity care in Scotland. There is one small amendment that we'd advise and that's around the description of the GMC on page 79. Would it be possible to add physician associates and anaesthesia associates to the list of professions we regulate? It would read:

*The NMC regulates nurses and midwives, while the GMC regulates doctors, physician associates and anaesthesia associates. The HCPC regulates a wide range of Allied Health Professions, including physiotherapists and dietitians. The GPhC regulates pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.*

Finally, as you may be aware, the GMC recently published a [maternity care ethical hub page](#), which aims to provide support for our registrants, helping them to apply the professional standards in practice. This work was done jointly with the NMC who have published a [series of case studies](#) focused on people working in multidisciplinary teams. We were grateful for HIS' input on this work during its development.