



## **Nursing and Midwifery Council Report: Baby Lifeline calls for more maternity training**

**Coventry, 16 May 2018:** Judy Ledger, CEO of Baby Lifeline, said, “The Professional Standards Authority report on the Nursing and Midwifery Council once again highlights the sad reality that mothers and babies are still needlessly dying or suffering serious injury. Every case is a tragedy.

“These cases also have a huge impact on NHS finances. Last year, maternity clinical negligence cases cost the NHS was over £2 billion and an increase is expected this year. These are funds which could be far better used on patient care.

“Human error is behind many of these sad stories, in large part because of a lack of training. For example, many paramedics have no maternity training at all. And even midwives often only have one or two days training a year.

“The NHS should provide specific, on-going funding for maternity training. This is not a problem that can be solved with a one-off payment.”

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### **About Baby Lifeline**

Baby Lifeline is a unique national charity supporting the care of pregnant women and new-born babies across the UK and worldwide. It raises funds to purchase much-needed maternity equipment and is one of the leading providers of training to the medical and legal professions. It has attracted the support of leading health figures who sit on the charity’s board, and A-list celebrities as patrons, including Sir Ben Kingsley and Dame Judi Dench.

### **About Judy Ledger**

Judy Ledger qualified as a state registered nurse in 1978 and has suffered the heartache of losing her baby during pregnancy not just once, but on three occasions. Wanting to do something to help with her grief, and support medical professionals who looked after her, she launched the Baby Lifeline Charity, campaigning to ensure the best care for pregnant women and their babies by helping to provide equipment, specialist training and support research projects which could have a high impact on the quality of maternity care. Judy has received various awards for her work with the charity, including a Pride of Britain Award for fundraising in 2010.