Birte Harlev-Lam Biography

Birte is a senior clinical leader with significant midwifery and healthcare expertise underpinned by over 35 years of experience in strategic, operational and clinical roles. She has worked across all settings and held several senior positions including Director of Midwifery for Women’s Services in both London and Cambridge, Regional Maternity Lead and nationally as the Head of Maternity and Children’s Services in NHS England. She was the National Clinical Director for Maternity and Children in NHS Improvement where her remit involved supporting maternity services to deliver consistently safe, high quality, compassionate care. Birte joined the RCM as Executive Director- Midwife in early 2019 where she leads the professional agenda locally, nationally and internationally.

Birte believes passionately in the importance of leadership and quality improvement and has been influential in developing programmes for senior midwifery leaders. She has a master’s in Health Law and was awarded an OBE for services to Maternity and Children’s care in 2019. She is a trustee for the charities Petals and Best Beginnings

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