



HOME BIRTHS - *An information Paper*

In order to satisfy safety requirements for successful home births Health Authorities within the UK have to meet certain criteria in order to allow home deliveries and these are listed below, together with those available at TPMH.

UK	CYPRUS - The Princess Mary's Hospital
Community Midwives	Community Midwives
Nearby Hospital	TPMH not local enough for all BFC and dependants on island
Obstetric Flying Squad - can be called upon to help in case of emergency with rapid response	Does not exist within TPMH nor local Cypriot community (note also Community Midwives do not practice within Cypriot community)

As you can see, TPMH due to its location and the range of medical facilities available cannot fulfil all necessary criteria to ensure safe delivery at home. Community Midwives and other medical staff would not be asked by the chain of command to assist at home births as this would be against current medical practice and legal requirements and could ultimately put either the baby or mother or both, at risk.

If you require any further information, please contact TPMH from a civilian phone 25275547, or mil ext 5547