

## Who are the Self Employed Community Midwives (SECM)?

There are six experienced SECM, who practice in a community setting in the HSE South. They provide midwifery care throughout the pregnancy, labour and after the birth, to low-risk women planning a home birth. The HSE has engaged the services of these midwives to provide midwifery services to expectant mothers wishing to have their babies at home.



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Elke is married with three children and lives on a small farm, near the village of Toames, five miles from Macroom. After qualifying as a midwife in Germany in 1983, Elke worked in two major maternity units and a small cottage hospital, for about two years in each. Her first Irish homeborn baby was born on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1990.



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Mary qualified as a midwife in England in 1984. She set up her practice in Cork as a community midwife in 1994. She has been assisting mothers to birth their babies at home for 20 years. Her Midwifery Practice is located in her home in the Kinsale area. She works in Cork city and within a 20 mile radius of both Cork City and Kinsale. Mary lives with her husband Brendan and their son Matthew and daughter Annie.



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Ellmarie trained as a midwife in Cork and has been working as a community midwife since 2000. Ellmarie has two young sons, lives in Ballinhassig and works in the Cork city and county area.



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Sinéad worked as a community midwife in London since 1999, attending home births. She worked in a birth centre providing midwifery centred care to women and their families. She is practicing as a home birth midwife in the Kerry area since 1992. Sinéad resides in Killarney.



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Caroline is a new arrival to the team in 2017. Her babies were born at home in Cork, and she was inspired by her experiences to study midwifery. She qualified in 2013 in the UK, and worked in both delivery suite and a low-risk birthing unit before moving back to Ireland in 2015 where she worked as a Midwife at CUMH. She lives in Midleton with her husband and two children, Finn and Tess, and now works in the Cork City and County area as a Community Midwife.



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Deirdre also joined the team in 2017. After qualifying as a midwife in the Netherlands in 2012, she worked both as a clinical midwife in a busy labor ward and as a community midwife providing antenatal care during pregnancy, care during home births and also post partum care. Deirdre is passionate about midwifery and believes that midwifery led care and the home birth service helps parents to have a very personal and satisfying pregnancy and birth experience. She has three children of her own, two were born in the Netherlands and the third was born in her home in West Cork where she now lives and works as a community midwife.