



# Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997

## 1997 CHAPTER 24

### *The Central Council*

#### **4 The Midwifery Committee**

- (1) Of the members of the Council's Midwifery Committee the majority shall be practising midwives.
- (2) The Council shall consult the Committee on all matters relating to midwifery and the Committee shall, on behalf of the Council, discharge such of the Council's functions as are assigned to the Committee either by the Council or by the Secretary of State by order.
- (3) The Council shall assign to the Committee any matter involving a proposal to make, amend or revoke rules under section 14 below; and the Committee shall consider the proposal and report on it to the Council.
- (4) The Secretary of State shall not approve rules relating to midwifery practice unless satisfied that they are framed in accordance with recommendations of the Council's Midwifery Committee.
- (5) Any matter which is assigned to the Midwifery Committee otherwise than under subsection (3) shall be finally dealt with by the Committee on behalf of the Council so far as the Council expressly authorises the Committee to deal finally with it; and the Committee shall make a report to the Council as to the way in which it has dealt with the matter.