

Appendix 2 – Emergency Evacuation from Birthing Pool – Safe System of Work

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| | <p>Action needed: SUMMON HELP The midwife will take responsibility for maintaining the woman’s airway and ensure her face is held clear of the water</p> |
| <p><u>Equipment to be used:</u></p> <p>Trolley/bed Evacuation Net Slide sheets</p> <p><u>Number of people required:</u></p> <p>Minimum of 4 people</p> | <p>DO NOT DRAIN THE POOL</p> <p>The buoyancy offered by the water will assist staff to position the net and to support and turn the woman</p> <p>Staff members to assist the midwife to turn the woman so that she is floating on her back (if the woman is sitting on the step then leave her in this position)</p> <p>Staff member to prepare the trolley/bed in suitable position to receive the woman. Slide sheets should be placed on the trolley/bed to assist with sliding woman onto the trolley/bed</p> <p>Two members of staff should position the evacuation net under the woman</p> <p>The lead midwife must move to one side of the woman but remain in charge of the airway</p> <p>Using clear commands e.g. “Ready, Steady, Slide” slide the woman clear of the pool and on to the trolley/bed</p> <p>Remove the net and the slide sheets from under the woman once she is safely located on the trolley/bed</p> <p>Keep the woman warm with towels and blankets and assess</p> |