

## Happy Retirement Jackie



On the 8th March, Jackie Cook a midwife at Darent Valley Hospital retired after working at the Trust for 35 years. Lots of Jackie's colleagues gathered to say farewell and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Jackie started her health care career as a Nurse Cadet in September 1972 at the Royal Free Hospital in Hamstead. In 1974 she spent a year as a Nurses Aid in St Johns General Hospital in Canada, returning to the UK to commence her nurse training at Kings College Hospital, London in May 1975.

Jackie qualified as a Registered General Nurse from Kings College Hospital on 31st of July 1978 and worked on the Gynaecological ward there until she commenced her midwifery training at Bromley School of Midwifery, Bromley and Farnborough Health Authority in January 1979. She then completed her  
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training with Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust and qualified as a Midwife in May 1981.

Jackie worked as a Nurse in the private sector at Fawkham Manor Hospital from January 1980 until December of the same year and commenced employment with Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust on 5th May 1981 as a staff Midwife.

Jackie has worked in all areas across the Maternity Unit, commencing her post as an 'F' Grade community midwife on July 1st 1991 and progressed to a 'G' grade community midwife on 1st November 1991. As well as working as a Community midwife Jackie worked as a PCT Executive Committee Board Member and was the Teenage Pregnancy Lead.

We wish Jackie the very best of luck with the next chapter of her life.