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Month**

**in Child
Development**

Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent OBE

Key achievements include being rated as the **Health Service Journal's most influential people in health in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2024**. She has also been recognised - by the Nursing Times - as one of 75 nurses and midwives who have contributed massively to the NHS.

She has held senior positions in the NHS, education, leadership and management including: **Consultant Midwife, Director of Midwifery, Head of Nursing (NHS), Senior Lecturer, Curriculum Leader and Lead Midwife for Education**. She has also supported the education of midwives internationally.



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"I am pleased to encourage bids for the £8 million NHS England and NHS Improvement scheme which could see experienced midwifery professionals act as mentors for new or returning midwives, with newly created positions across maternity units in England."

Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent,
Chief Midwifery Officer for England



Major Achievements / Contributions

- She has helped shape the national maternity policy as well as advised on maternal health. **She contributed massively to the NHS** and their policies surrounding maternity, lifting the visibility of midwifery as a profession
- Included as one of the 100 most influential people in the UK with African/African-Caribbean descent
- She was appointed as the **FIRST chief midwife for the International Confederation of Midwives in 2023**
- She is considered one of the most influential Black, Asian and minority ethnic people in health (2024)
- **Fun Fact:** She was part of the team that delivered Prince George and Princess Charlotte



Duchess of Cambridge's former midwife who helped her deliver Prince George and Princess Charlotte is appointed as the most senior in England

- Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent will take on role of chief midwifery officer
- She is understood to have helped deliver Prince George and Prince Charlotte
- The role has been designed to improve care for new mothers and their children

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The Duchess of Cambridge's former midwife has been appointed into the most senior midwifery role in England.

Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent

Chief Midwife

Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent OBE joined ICM in 2023. As Chief Midwife, Jacqueline is responsible for championing the interests of midwives globally, elevating the profession's profile, and ensuring that all women and gender diverse people have equitable maternity experiences and outcomes. She is dedicated to advancing a well-resourced, educated, regulated, and enabled midwifery workforce, supporting midwives and health systems worldwide.

Prior to joining ICM, Jacqueline served as the first Chief Midwifery Officer for the NHS in England and was one of two National



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Power and Representation: Discussion

On your whiteboards, answer the following questions ready for a class discussion:

1. Do her achievements suggest Jacqueline is powerful?
2. How is Jacqueline considered powerful?
3. Why does representation matter in the midwifery sector?
4. Jacqueline works with Universities - why is it important that her representation matters to future midwives?

