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Midwife-Led Birthing Unit: Central Middlesex Hospital



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The Buxton Group

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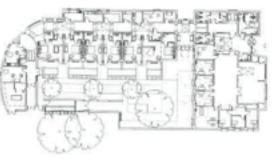
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London practice Barbara Weiss Architects was appointed by The North West London Hospitals NHS Trust to design a new midwife-led birthing unit at the Central Middlesex Hospital. The underlying philosophy of the unit is to provide familycentred care, offering facilities to midwives to enable them to carry out deliveries within a non-institutional setting.

The building consists of a series of interconnecting single storey volumes, each with a specific function that is expressed externally using different complementary materials. The main section of the building contains antenatal and educational facilities arranged around a top-lit waiting area. The six (more private) birthing rooms focus around a landscaped walled garden that affords views and direct access from each room.

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