



## Midwife-Led Birthing Unit: Central Middlesex Hospital



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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 family-centred 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.

The budget for the 950m<sup>2</sup> building was £1.4m.



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950m<sup>2</sup> building was  
£1.4m and the  
project completed in  
May 2003.*