

# Midwife sacked after death of second baby

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A MIDWIFE who is being investigated over the death of a baby eight years ago has been sacked following an inquiry into a recent fatality.

Lindsey Biggs is one of a band of midwives accused of colluding to cover up blunders which contributed to the deaths of 12 mothers and babies in the Morecambe Bay scandal. The midwives



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have continued working at the NHS trust despite public outrage over the deaths, which occurred from 2004 to 2013.

Ms Biggs is currently under investigation by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) for alleged failings linked to the case of

baby Joshua Titcombe, who died in 2008. She is due to appear in front of regulators this week over the case.

But it has now emerged that she has been dismissed by University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay Trust over the death of another baby just four months ago.

The new case was referred to the NMC earlier this week, *Health Service Journal* has disclosed.

This week Ms Biggs will face accusations of failings which may have contributed to the death of Joshua, who died after suffering from an infection.

In March of this year, University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay Trust ordered an independent investigation into another death, which occurred in February.

Sascha Wells, the trust's director of midwifery, obstetrics and gynaecology, confirmed that a midwife had been dismissed after a disciplinary hearing because a panel concluded "her conduct fell fundamentally below our acceptable standards".

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