

Biography: Professor Dame Tina Lavender

Dame Tina is Professor of Midwifery and Director of the Centre for Global Women's Health at the University of Manchester, a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre. Her DBE was awarded in 2012 for her commitment to developing midwifery capacity, globally. She holds an honorary contract at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester. She is a Visiting Professor at the University of Nairobi and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Malawi. Dame Tina has a number of editorial roles. She is Co-editor in Chief of the British Journal of Midwifery and Associate Editor (and founder) of the African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health. Dame Tina is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Midwives and European Academy of Nurse Science. She is an active member of the Global Women's Health Society (GLOW) and a regular advisor to the World Health Organization.

Dame Tina leads a programme of research, Midwifery and Women's Health; a multi-disciplinary programme whose members conduct research in low and high income settings, related to the whole continuum of maternity care. Dame Tina's main research area is intrapartum care, with a particular focus on the prevention and management of prolonged labour. She is currently leading a large programme grant on the prevention and management of stillbirth, in six countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. In 2014 Dame Tina was awarded Faculty Researcher of the Year, which she received at the Universities Distinguished service award event. In 2016, she was declared as one of BBC's most inspirational women, for her global work.