

Union addresses problem of overworked midwives

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The vida services union says that urgent action is needed to tackle overwork among midwives. There is a problem of understaffed delivery rooms and increased demands on midwives such as administrative work. The union has taken up the issue in particular at the St.Josef hospital in Vienna where it will be negotiating with management following a meeting of midwives organised by the union. The negotiations will discuss staffing, working time and questions of pay that the union says are crucial to improve recruitment to the job.

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