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TV's Call The Midwife drama series has returned to its East End...

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TV's Call The Midwife drama series has returned to its East End roots with its screen stars meeting a real life midwife at The Royal London Hospital.

Linda Bassett and Leonie Elliott, who play Nurse Phyllis Crane and Nurse Lucille Anderson in the series, met real life midwife Ali Herron to launch the trial run of a new nationwide standardised 'home delivery' bag for community midwives.

"It's important we support our midwives," Ali said. "Our home birth team has already helped 37 women give birth at home in just one year."

Ali is the midwifery director at the Royal London, part of Barts NHS trust that runs the hospital and the Barkantine birth centre in Millwall—where the 1950s midwife drama is set—one of six trusts trying out the kit next month.

It follows a national survey by the **Baby Lifeline** mother-and-baby charity which has found a lack of equipment carried by midwives for home births.

The charity has developed a rucksack-style bag with adjustable straps and optional wheels, which has been compartmentalised and colour coded to make it easier to reach the right equipment quickly.

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