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WHEN Jen Turner fell pregnant with twins - there was only one person she wanted to turn to for help.

Her best friend Emma Reynolds had already delivered her first son Alex, now three, and she asked her if she would deliver the twins too.

So when Mrs Turner went into labour in August, Mrs Reynolds, 30, a trained midwife, came into the hospital especially on her day off and safely delivered her twin babies Charlie and Elliot. It now means that Mrs Reynolds has delivered ALL THREE of Mrs Turner's children - which has strengthened their friendship bond even further.

Mrs Turner, 31, who lives with husband Darrell, 35, an engineer, in the Isle of Wight, said: 'Emma really is a best friend in a million. Not many people can say that their best friend has delivered all three of their children.

'But when I fell pregnant both times, I knew there was only one person that I wanted to deliver my babies.

'I've been best friends with Emma since we were 14 and met at school - and we have a wonderful friendship. We both moved away from the Isle of Wight after school, but always kept in touch and we both came back to settle here with our families.

'To know that she was by my side delivered all my children was really special to me.'

Mrs Turner's first son Alex was born in October 2015. She was induced and it was an intense eight hour labour. Mrs worked as a midwife at St Mary's Hospital in the Isle of Wight, but it was her day off.

She said: 'As soon as I felt my first labour contractions I rang Emma and told her that the baby was coming. She wasn't due in to work a shift that day, but she rang the hospital and told them she was coming in to deliver my baby.

'It was such a relief to have her there. I've known her for nearly 20 years, and it was very reassuring knowing that she was going to bring my baby into the world.'

Baby Alex was born safely weighing 7lb9 and then just before

Christmas last year, Mrs Turner and her husband decided that they wanted to try for a second baby.

Just four days later she fell pregnant, but when she was ten weeks pregnant she suffered a bleed and was worried that she was losing the baby.

So she went for an emergency scan at the hospital - where doctors broke the news to her that she wasn't pregnant with just one baby...but two.

She said: 'It was such a shock when the doctors told me that I was pregnant with identical twins. I never expected that. It was a difficult pregnancy because I was bleeding all the way through until I got to 20 weeks pregnant, so I was constantly worried that I was going to lose them.

'They were sharing a placenta, which can be risky for identical twins, but luckily I was scanned every two weeks and they were fine throughout it all.'

Mrs Turner's waters broke when she was 35 weeks pregnant - and the first person she called was Mrs Reynolds, who lives nearby with husband Clint and their two daughters Alice, two, and Lottie, six. Again she wasn't due to work at the hospital that day - but agreed to come in and deliver the twins.

The twins were born safely, Charlie weighing 4lb13, and Elliot weighing a bigger 5lb7.

Mrs Turner said: 'There was quite a size difference between the twins when they were born, but thankfully they were both healthy and well.

'it was amazing when the twins were born, and Emma was there to hold them with Darrell and I - it was a really emotional moment. It did make me feel much more relaxed having her there with me all the way through it. She never left my side.

'The hospital were so grateful that she came in to deliver them as they were really busy with deliveries that day, so it was really lucky that she was here.

'I can't thank Emma enough for bringing my three children into the world safely - she really is an amazing best friend to have.'