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Dear Maggie:

At last! some amendments, comments, revisions from this end. For a start, this exercise should not hold up your NSW state for the ICM Conference. Actually, we are supposed to be organising a stat form to be used by Homebirth Australasia which will standardise our stats. So probably, when we are agreed on a final draft, it should be sent out to all states for comment, etc so we have something on which we can all agree (and which midwives are prepared to fill out) to present to the April Conference for approval.

I would suggest that N.Z. mws continue to send their forms to Stan for processing and he can then send to you or whoever is going to internationally coordinate them, a summary.

Re previous obs/med history, this is necessary from our end as our obs are setting out and enforcing risk factors which contraindicate G.P. i.e. homebirth, involvement. These include previous difficult delivery (forasps which Benham advises should be used freely) previous abortion, SB, medical disorder.... So, probably this section should be codified to indicate such women - primips, over 30 etc can have normal (home) births!

What little feedback we had from our mws did not like 'Social Class'. However, I reckon one can deduce the same from occupation & *family - nuclear, solo, extended, communal, other.*

I like the way you organised the Medication space; possibly there could be an explanatory note to incl here rasp leaf, iron, pregamel, etc. Also, re weight of babe, as we cover for 14 days postpartum and babes make astronomical gains, this is good evidence as to benefit to babe.

I'll send a copy of this paste-up (I paste better than I type) to Stan Gillanders for his comment as to ease of assessment.

Enclosed a copy of Benham's unique document, our latest stats & some info on our battle re Nurses Amendment Bill.

Your Homebirth 1977 - 1982 is excellent.

Love,