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Dear Claudia,

Many apologies for the long delay in replying to your query about joining the Domiciliary Midwives Society. It took me some time to locate the rules of the Society and then I got caught up with babies and antenatal visits.

As I thought and mentioned to you on the phone, our rules restrict our membership to "midwives registered in domiciliary practice, and carrying out home births" although we did include an affiliated membership status for midwives registered in domiciliary practice but not currently practising. Affiliated members would pay the same fee but would not have voting rights.

As you are doing domiciliary work but not attending home births, I'm unsure as to how you would fit into our group as it appears to me that you fall in between the two categories that we have designated. Full membership I'm sure will always be restricted to those attending home births as we all feel that the birth is such an integral part of practising midwifery that to leave it out of our practice loses an essential part of domiciliary work.

I'm in the process of circularising our membership with a report of the ICM Congress in Sydney in September and I will include your request for membership and ask for some feedback from the members so that we can consider your position. When I have some further information I will write again.

Secretary.

Thank you for your query.

Yours sincerely,



Bronwen Pelvin

