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Report from South Canterbury
Domiciliary Midwives.

There are three of us working in the South Canterbury area, with a small number of Home Births, and an increasing number of Early Discharges.

We've had continual difficulty within the obstetric unit and some G.P.s with utilizing our services, therefore denying many of the mothers choice of midwifery care.

We are about to meet with Hospital Board Members, Medical Association, Hospital Midwives & Phurket, in an effort to improve our working relationship.

At present our services are not being offered to many women whom we feel would benefit from it.

We have been approached by Sally Perriman from the Southern Regions Midwifery Course, to involve the students on clinical placements in Timaru.

There's minimal support from the H.B. Group because of the fluctuating numbers, & there is no real energy directed towards promoting Home Birth in this area.

We are really sorry not to be sharing with you all at the Conference particularly the valuable sharing time with other Dom Midwives.

Hopefully the H.B.C. might be sited in the South Island in the near future?!

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