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19th February 1991

TO: Charge Midwives

We would like to recirculate this memo of Miss Nightingale dated 17.10.90.

Currently there is confusion over the responsibility for care and management of women in labour, who are:-

- a) Transferred into hospital from Domicillary Care
- b) Private Midwives acting as support persons
- c) Midwives using the bureau to continue care of women in labour following transfer into hospitals
- d) Midwives, currently on the delivery unit staff, who provide care and management to family members/friends in labour
- e) Midwives from other Area Health Boards and other hospitals of A.A.H.B. requesting permission to give care to family members/friends in labour.

The management relating to a), b) is clearly stated in memo.

Management of c). It is inappropriate for midwives to continue care through a bureau placement and is not permitted. The services of the bureau are purchased to cover the clinical needs of the department.

Management of d). Permission must be applied for in writing to the Midwife/Manager Consultant of your unit, stating discussion with GP/obstetrician/team Consultant re level of involvement.

Management of e). This is not permissible.

Please bring this to the attention of your staff.

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25 March, 1991

MEMORANDUM TO: Charge Midwife Manager
Delivery Unit I
Delivery Unit II

FROM: Neil S. Pattison,
Obstetrics High Risk Pregnancy Services Manager

Through A.T. Nightingale,
Manager, Maternity/Neonatal Services

1) GENERAL PRACTITIONER BOOKED PATIENTS

Whenever a midwife who is looking after a general practitioner patient has urgent concern about the patient's welfare and there is any delay in contacting the general practitioner, she should inform the patient and the shift Charge Midwife and immediately contact the consultant of the day.

2) TRANSFER IN LABOUR FROM HOME BIRTH BOOKINGS

Any patient booked for a home birth who becomes unsuitable for this, must be assessed on admission to hospital by a consultant obstetrician who under normal circumstances will continue to be involved in the patient's care.


N.S. Pattison,
Obstetrics Manager

cc A.T. Nightingale,
Bronwen Cox