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Auckland Homebirth Association.

Dear

The Homebirth Association is presently putting together a questionnaire to be filled out by all homebirth mothers, which will be used for three purposes;

- 1) To assist in the peer review of all domiciliary midwives.
- 2) To be available for use for research.
- 3) To assess consumer response to homebirth.

It has been suggested that the homebirth mother completes one questionnaire at six weeks postpartum and another at six months.

The questionnaire is to cover the following topics;

- Antenatal preparation and care.
- Labour and birth - support, complications, home preparation, siblings present.
- How did they view the role of the midwife?
- Did the birth meet your expectations?
- Postnatal support - who/what/duration/effectiveness.
- Postnatal period - depression, breast-feeding, siblings reaction, visitors, recovery.
- Health of baby - snuffles, ear infections, treatment and outcome.
- Immunisation.
- Contraception.
- Return or regular cycles.
- Would you have another homebirth?

We are hoping for this to provide an extensive range of detailed information, and would value your opinion/s on what questions you would like to ask and what information you would like to get from this questionnaire. We would like to receive, in writing, your ideas before the 30 September. Could you please return these in the self addressed envelope included. Thank you.

Yours faithfully



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Co-ordinator.