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Mrs B Macfarlane  
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Dear Mrs Macfarlane

I apologise for the long delay in replying to your October letter. As there was no Departmental policy in relation to equipment for the domiciliary midwife that I knew of, I referred your letter to Head Office.

You are doubtless aware that the present situation is that the services offered to the domiciliary midwife vary from board to board.

Head Office suggests that until such time as the Maternity Service Committee release its report it would be unwise for the Department to express any opinion on this matter.

I am sorry I cannot be any more specific than this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M N MacCallum', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

(M N MacCallum)  
Principal Public Health Nurse  
for Medical Officer of Health