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Dear Ms Macfarlane

Thank you for your letter of 14 December. Domiciliary midwives are not eligible for membership on account of their contractor status which means that they are not employees of the Health Department. The N Z N A is probably similarly restricted in what it can do, beyond looking out for their professional interests, for the same reason. Our past experience has shown us that departments can act atrociously towards contractors engaged on a fee for service basis and without concerted action by the contractors, change has not occurred. I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Webster', with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Adrian Webster
Regional Secretary