

The New Zealand Home Birth Association

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24 Mountain Road,
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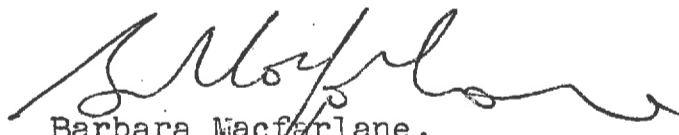
Dear Sir or Madam,

You may know that domiciliary midwives are required to provide their own transport and disposable and permanent equipment. They do receive clean linen packs from the hospital which is of great assistance to them. At our last meeting it was decided that I should write to you about the provision of 32.5 cubic feet oxygen containers. Oxygen is rarely used but the midwives like to carry it with them and have found it vital on one or two occasions. We have a number of new midwives joining the domiciliary team and I would like to know if the Extramural hospital could make oxygen available to them free of charge as it does to extramural nursing staff.

Domiciliary midwives are under contract to the Department of Health and with their 42% pay increase now earn with a full case load of about 5 births a month, \$7,000 p.a. which makes the purchase of disposable and expensive equipment quite a burden on a midwife setting up in practice.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,


Barbara Macfarlane,
Secretary.