

The New Zealand Home Birth Association

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The Principal Health Nurse,
Miss M.N. MacCallum,
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Dear Miss MacCallum,

At the last meeting of the National Executive of this Association it was decided to approach you and Miss Moynahan with a request that would be of considerable assistance to domiciliary midwives. We are very concerned that from their completely inadequate salaries they are also obliged to buy their own disposable equipment. This includes gloves, syringes, suture material and needles, barts solution, plasma, giving sets and oxygen.

It is very difficult for young midwives beginning work in the domiciliary area to equip themselves with instruments, vehicles and then disposable equipment. Would you be so kind as to arrange with the hospital board for midwives to collect necessary disposable gear as they do presently with clean linen packs. If there is any further information which could be of assistance to you please contact me.

Yours sincerely,


Barbara Macfarlane,
Secretary.