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The New Zealand Home Birth Association

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Dear Friends,

I have recently received a report of a group in the Coromandel who are having home births under the guidance of a lay 'spiritual' midwife. I am unclear at the moment if they are the same group as the Thames-Coromandel H B A or not, but they are calling themselves a Home Birth Association. Could you discuss at your next meeting your thoughts on lay midwives? And let me know? I think we need to have a policy on this.

I also enclose a copy of the statistics form that domiciliary midwives use, (although I presume you have one). I understand that the statistics that are being collected at the moment only relate to domiciliary midwife deliveries - we wondered if the form should not be altered to include doctor only deliveries? Could you discuss this also at your meeting and let me know.

I have also received a summary of statistics from Bill Vent, along with the computer printout. I have copied out his summary and include it for your reference. Henriette will include some statistics in the next newsletter.

Lastly - a plea from my heart. If you hear about anything that seems to warrant national attention, please let me know. I have recently come across one or two things second hand, which makes it pretty difficult for me to (a) do anything about them and (b) answer any questions ~~media~~ that the media or others may ask. (b) really relates more to our national spokesperson who is as you all know

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If you need to make a statement to media etc. about anything, please indicate that you are representing your own association and not the national association.

I hope all is going well for you.

Regards,

Nicky Conroy (secretary)

P.T.O.

Dear Barbara,

Have you set a date for 1983 conference? People will need to book 6-8 months ahead for epic fares in school holidays (epic is cheaper than conference discount).

Could you let me know when a date is finalised?

Thanks. Regards
Nicky.