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Dear Brenda

Thanks for your reply to my letter. It raises some interesting questions which I'll attempt to answer

① Regarding our arrangement for return of our sterile packs, this has been a pain as we have received confusing & conflicting advice from hospital representatives. As far as I can work out it is the couples responsibility to return their pack to the hospital laundry though confusion reigned & we got our knuckles rapped recently as one of our birth supporters returned the pack to our local maternity annex

② Our postnatal followup is done through 3 different ways. Peter does visit for the 1st few days, how long he visits for seems to depend on the needs of the couple. Jean Williams, a hospital midwife (though not working in delivery at present) & Colleen Williams a nurse act as support people during labour & also visit as their work commitments allow. We also have a support co-ordinator

who rings around our group organising
consoles baking etc & delivers them to the
new Mum. This system seems to have worked
well with our limited number of births

As far as I know no district nurses are
involved here. I can vouch that generally they
are not the best though I believe could be
trained better - I had an early discharge
at Palm Nth, ~~see~~ leaving hospital hours after
the birth of Simon - District Nurse visited
but really didn't inspire my confidence, I
asked my male G.P. for advice regarding
breastfeeding etc. as he visited the 1st 5 days

I am hoping that the HopBoard will
wake up soon and assign a nurse/midwife
for early discharges, which may be useful to us also.

Colleen & I are hoping to attend
Nelson in May & are looking forward to
catching up on people & national happenings.

Regards

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