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Dear Madam/Sir

Re; Report on the Review of the District Nursing Service

We have been informed that the Auckland Hospital Board has recently published a Review of the District Nursing Service.

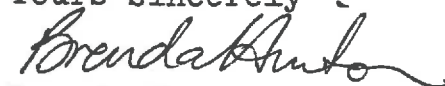
We would be grateful if you would send us a copy of the report as we would like to make submissions regarding district nursing and perinatal care.

Many of our members have been cared for postnatally by the District Nursing Service then in (a) subsequent pregnancy(ies) by a Domiciliary Midwife.

We firmly believe that adequate and appropriate postnatal care can only be provided by midwives who have a knowledge of wholistic healthcare and breastfeeding, or who can refer women to appropriate agencies in the community, e.g. La Leche League, International Childbirth Education Associations, Nursing Mothers Associations, New Mothers Support Groups, Parents Centre etc. Wherever possible women should be visited by only one midwife during the postnatal period to avoid the frustration of being given conflicting advice. Postnatal care for 10 - 14 days is essential as is a 'Nappy Service' and home help.

We realise that some/all of these issues may have been addressed in the review, but as a consumer group concerned for the welfare and well-being of mothers, babies and families, we would appreciate the opportunity to endorse and comment on those areas of the review relating to perinatal care.

Yours sincerely



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