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Dear Janet

Thanks for your letter. I gather from it even that she has already talked to you about what needs to go in the submission, but I thought I'd better write it down anyway.

The college submission is covering the following -

- a) one schedule, b) some payments to midwives and doctors - issue of equity ie some pay for some service c) free accessible maternity service d) choice of practitioners and continuity of care

We need consumer groups to write with examples of benefits of midwifery care, and also examples of situations where difficulties arise - especially doctors who prohibit women's choice or refuse to take them on as clients if going to a midwife. Also examples of where maternity benefit is abused eg. Drs claiming for all AN visits (and doing all visits) even when supposedly sharing care with midwives who are only claiming alternate visits.

Also - can benefit be extended to cover PN care to six weeks rather than 14 days. Still could limit no. of PN visits.

The tribunal needs to understand difference in manner in which midwives and doctors deliver same service.

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Hope this is helpful - it is a bit of a worry trying to work out just what we can say. Certainly the college can't give examples of proofs with ticks - much better if they come up in public submissions.

Thanks very much for taking the time to do a submission

Best wishes

Sally

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