

## Public Statement

Representatives of the New Zealand College of Midwives and Ministry of Health are continuing their discussions on the payment system for Lead Maternity Care midwives. The parties agree the current payment system inadequately reflects the challenges of modern midwifery practice.

The parties are continuing to work together in good faith towards a fair and reasonable outcome. They have agreed to seek an adjournment to the Court fixture until the first available date in 2017 to enable meetings to continue on:

- A proposal for an immediate funding increase to address short term pressures;
- Options for Budget 2017 funding proposal that includes urgent urban relief, rural and remote services and antenatal care pressures;
- A process to co-design a new sustainable funding model for LMC midwifery services to continue to improve outcomes for mothers and babies.

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