

Mediation Public Statement between The New Zealand College of Midwives Inc (the College) and The Ministry of Health (the Ministry)

March 7th 2017

1. The parties reaffirm the following joint statements:
 - 1) The current modular structure and payment system inadequately reflects the challenges of modern midwifery practice.
 - 2) The Section 88 maternity notice defines and funds primary maternity care. The notice was not intended to fund Lead Maternity Care (LMC) midwives for the provision of secondary and tertiary services.
 - 3) The sustainability of LMC midwifery is central to the national primary maternity service and requires national support.
2. The parties also agree that;
 - 1) Any new funding model will support the provision of equitable, high quality midwifery care and services to women that are available, accessible, acceptable and of no cost to the woman.
 - 2) Any new community LMC midwifery service funding model should eliminate gender discrimination, ensure equity and fairness for midwives in line with the government's workforce equity principles.
3. Mediation is continuing in a productive manner. The Ministry and the College will continue to have a series of meeting in March and April to progress the mediation. The parties have therefore agreed to seek an adjournment to the Court fixture until 30 May 2017.
4. Apart from agreed public statements the mediation remains confidential to the parties.

SIGNED on the day of March 2017.

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