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Dear Ms Boydens

Thank you for your letter dated 17th April 2014 as GP involved in the provision of Obstetric Care in the community at our practice at Indigo House. I also have an additional interest as I am a member of the Primary Care Body board which represents the wider island community of General Practitioners.

I believe the new Community Midwifery Service has provided an island wide antenatal care service accessible in non Hospital settings, particularly GP surgeries. I believe the service is providing high quality of care mainly involving the Midwives but also with GP input. I believe there is now a much closer relationship between the community Midwives and GPs which has enhanced the multidisciplinary team approach to Obstetric care.

I hope that the relationship will continue to blossom and will eventually provide a named Midwife for all pregnant Jersey residents by 2015 and include an initial Midwife contact by the 10th week of pregnancy. I believe the close relationship which has developed between the Midwives and GPs has also allowed patients to benefit from the fact that they can easily seek quick advice about non pregnancy related matters while attending the GP surgery for their Midwifery care.

I do hope in order to maintain the longevity of the present system funding will be provided to the General Practices to cover their costs in providing appropriate facilities for the Midwives to practice. This would include the costs of the lighting and heating, the meeting and greeting of patients by the Receptionists and the use of the private facilities.

Yours sincerely,

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