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I welcome you to the final issue of **Midpoint for 2022. After a tumultuous year, we are hoping that you will get the chance to relax and celebrate with your whānau over the festive season.**

Things haven't slowed down in the Wellington office. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Tumu Whakahaere me te Pouroki | Chief Executive and Registrar, Lesley Clarke. Lesley has over twenty years'

experience in senior management and CEO roles, and brings an impressive set of skills to this important role. Lesley will begin working with the Council on 9 January 2023, and I am sure you will all join us in making her welcome when she takes up her new position.

This is my final Midpoint as the Acting Tumu Whakahaere me te Pouroki | Chief Executive and Registrar. From the start of 2023, I will resume my role as Deputy Registrar for the Council. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me and the office team over the past few months.

Ngā mihi nui to all the midwives who took time to submit considered and thoughtful feedback on the Midwifery Scope of Practice statement. You can read more about this and other details about the Aotearoa Midwifery Project further down in this newsletter.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you a safe, peaceful and restful break over the festive period. We look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Jessica Schreiber

Tumu Whakahaere me te Pouroki | Chief Executive and Registrar (Acting)

Recertification Programme

All midwives make an annual declaration which includes stating that they are engaged in the Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu | Council's **Recertification Programme**.

Engagement in the Programme is a professional responsibility and a way of demonstrating your continuing competence to practise.

All midwives are expected to identify their learning needs and develop a professional development plan which will address areas you may need to update knowledge or skills, attitudes and values within the Midwifery Scope of Practice.

This is to make sure you are giving evidence-informed care to keep women and their babies safe as well as meeting all the Competencies for Entry to the Register.

Numbers at a glance

This practising year we've had:

32 IQM registrations

36 midwives returning to practice

IQM - Internationally Qualified Midwife



... to update your **MyMCANZ portal** once education or activities are completed!

Meet the midwifery education team



From left to right: Catherine Falconer – Programmes Officer

Jacqui Paine – Midwifery Advisor

Diana Austin – Senior Advisor Midwifery Education

Christine Whaanga – Registration and Education Advisor

Nicky Jackson – Senior Advisor Midwifery Regulation

We work together as a team so just email us if you have any queries.

Abortion legislation

Remember that Abortion Legislation education is a requirement for all midwives this recertification period. Simply log in to "Introduction to the Abortion Legislation and Midwifery Roles and Responsibilities" to complete this four hour module.

Te Tatau o Te Whare Kahu ki Hine Pae Ora Aotearoa Midwifery Project - An update

The Aotearoa Midwifery Project is being undertaken in three stages. Each stage corresponds to one of the three related documents that provide the foundation for the regulation of midwifery practice in Aotearoa. Each document relates to the Council's functions as specified in the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the HPCAA).

- Stage one - The Midwifery Scope of Practice
- Stage two - The Midwifery Standards of Competence (currently known as the Competencies for entry to the Register of Midwives)
- Stage three - The Standards for approval of pre-registration midwifery education programmes and accreditation of tertiary education organisations (3rd Edition)

1. The Midwifery Scope of Practice

The revised Midwifery Scope of Practice statement has been developed under the leadership of Co-chairs Dr Hope Tupara and Dr Judith McAra-Couper and the guidance of a Collaborative Reference Group. The revised Scope of Practice statement has been put out to the profession for two rounds of feedback. The Council is currently undertaking an analysis of the second round of feedback. This will inform the development of the final version of the revised Midwifery Scope of Practice statement next year.



2. The Midwifery Standards of Competence

The Competencies for entry to the Register of Midwives have been renamed the 'Standards of Competence' to reflect section 118 (i) of the HPCAA, which requires the Council to set standards of clinical and cultural competence for the profession.

The development of the first draft of the midwifery Standards of Competence is underway.

The drafting is being undertaken by a subset of the Collaborative Reference Group and input from a broader set of stakeholders across the health and disability sector.

The Council intends to put the Standards of Competence out for feedback from the sector in early 2023.

3. The Standards for approval of pre-registration midwifery education programmes and accreditation of tertiary education organisations

Preparation for the development of the Standards for approval of pre-registration midwifery education programmes and accreditation of tertiary education organisations will begin in early 2023, when the Standards of Competence mahi has been adequately progressed.

These documents will also involve cycles of development and feedback within the Tiriti-led framework of the Project.

The Council anticipates that all three documents will be finalised mid 2023, whereupon there will be a period of transition for the sector supported by appropriate education.



A note from the Co-chairs



On behalf of the Board of Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu | Midwifery Council, we would like to thank Jessica and the office team for their hard work and support throughout 2022. We also acknowledge our fellow Board members and thank them for the time and care they put into their work. And of course, ngā mihi maioha for your mahi supporting whānau on their pregnancy and birth journey. Take care of yourselves and we look forward to connecting again in 2023. Ngā manaakitanga,

Ngarangi Pritchard, Tangata Whenua Co-chair

Kerry Adams, Tangata Tiriti Co-chair



Meri Kirihimete from Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu!

Our offices are closed from midday 23 December 2022 and will reopen 9 January 2023 at 08:00am.

Thank you for a great year. We hope you enjoy a well earned break with your whānau and friends.

