

To whom it may concern,

I read with absolute horror the restraints being placed on our small band of wonderfully dedicated and skilled homebirth midwives.

How unfair that they be restricted from practice on the grounds of a single, (possibly unsubstantiated?) complaint. Guilty. – even a murderer is deemed to be innocent until proven guilty. It is a basic right under our constitution.

Please give these wonderful women at least the same

I was fortunate to have my last baby born at home. It was years ago, but, as mums do, I remember it well. That incredible experience should be an option of every healthy mother. It is so different to a hospitalised birth.

Our health system should be doing EVERYTHING in its power to facilitate proper structure, accreditation, and simple practical back up for those who wish to give birth at home.

And the health system would come out winners too – it costs only a fraction to the system when a family birth at home – as well as leaving hospital beds for sick people, and heaven knows, we are always hearing about the shortages.

Common sense? Justice? Fairness

How about using some? How about supporting this wonderful resource rather than using every opportunity to vilify midwives, and mess up their, and our, lives.

Sue Martin.-mother of 4