



HEALTH PROFESSIONS LICENSING AUTHORITY	
TITLE:Media Policy	
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BOARD: Nursing and Midwifery Board of the Northern Territory	

From time to time members of the media become aware that the Nursing and Midwifery Board of the Northern Territory is conducting an investigation into the conduct of a nurse or a midwife. Members of the media have in the past contacted Board members or contacted the Health Professions Licensing Authority requesting information.

When Board members or staff at the Health Professions Licensing Authority are approached by members of the media the following is to be observed:

- Emphasise that complaints are private matters for the Board only. The Board does not make public comments on such matters.
- Under no circumstances should it be confirmed or denied that an investigation is underway.
- The Board will normally release the names of nurse/midwives in circumstances when registration has been cancelled.
- Emphasise that the publication of cancellation of registration in the media is at the discretion of the Board.

Members of the Board and staff at the Health Professions Licensing Authority are advised that the Chairperson of the Board is the most appropriate person to liaise with the Media.