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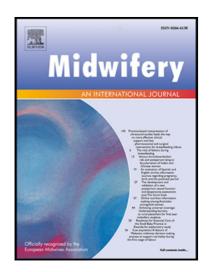
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Abstract

The aim of this study was to reveal what enables, safeguards and sustains midwives to provide labour care in freestanding midwifery-led units.

Design

A hermeneutic phenomenological study was undertaken in the Auckland region of New Zealand. In-depth interviews were conducted with 14 participants: 11 midwives who provide care in freestanding midwifery-led units and three obstetricians who provide antenatal consultations on site in midwifery-led units.

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