

case for next issue

Call for Responses

The case of Karen, outlined below, will be the basis for the In That Case section for the next issue of the *New Zealand Bioethics Journal*. We invite interested readers to provide commentaries for possible publication. Responses should be kept to approximately 500-700 words in length. The editorial board will select the responses to be published in the May 2001 issue of the *New*

Zealand Bioethics Journal. We also reserve the right to edit contributions, to avoid repetition of points for example. All editorial changes will be cleared with the authors before going to press. Contributions can be sent by email or by posting a copy to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number with your response.

Karen is a 31-year-old woman who suffers from schizophrenia and has been treated with an anti-psychotic medication for a number of years. She is married and has with a previous partner had a child who was removed from her care due to failure to provide the necessities of life. Karen and her husband have suffered from unexplained infertility for two years and their GP has referred them to the Fertility Clinic for assessment and treatment. Karen's husband (Peter) is known to be violent towards Karen. Having become unwell, Karen visits her psychiatrist and informs the psychiatrist of their referral to the Fertility Clinic. Karen also reveals that she does not want to have a baby, but that Peter does. The psychiatrist knows that the anti-psychotic drug that Karen is taking also causes infertility.