

Y Grŵp Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol a'r Blynyddoedd Cynnar  
Health, Social Care and Early Years



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Eich Cyf/Your Ref:  
Ein Cyf/Our Ref:

02 May 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

### Seeking clarification on maternity correspondence

We are in regular contact about the maternity and neonatal services as of the enhanced monitoring arrangements and we regularly discuss issues of concern about the service.

We did discuss on the 25 April 2024 and 02 May 2024 the article that was published [online](#) on 23 April 2024, and you gave us reassurances that the service was safe and that the issues raised in the article had been satisfactorily resolved. Since the publication of this article, Welsh Government has received several pieces of correspondence regarding it.

Following up on the conversations we had on we would seek more detail on a number of areas pertaining to the correspondence.

- Are you able to provide details of the maternal death you believe the article refers to including any contributory factors identified from subsequent reviews?
- Can you provide further details on the closure of the ITU area within maternity including why and how this decision was reached and what provisions do you now have in place?

*Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.*

*We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.*

We would greatly appreciate your prompt reply no later than 7 May 2024 to enable a timely response from Welsh Government.

Are you also able to provide us with an update on the reopening of Neath Port Talbot Birth Centre and the reinstatement of the homebirth service?

Yours sincerely,



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