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[REDACTED]
Head of Performance, Escalation and Intervention Welsh
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Sent via email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 10th May 2024 requesting information on the pathway for critical care of an obstetric patient.

As you are aware, maternity and neonatal services are located in Singleton hospital which is geographically located on a different site to the health board's intensive care unit, which is in Morriston hospital. The maternity team have recognised this as a risk and it is currently risk rated as level 12, medium risk, given the controls in place which include:

- Protocol in place for the management of maternal cases who require ITU support;
- We have medical SPR and SHO level doctor on site 24/7, supported by the on-call Medical Consultant at Morriston;
- Level three anaesthetic care is available on site to stabilise patient prior to transfer;
- Any pregnant or recently pregnant women who are at high risk of deterioration are highlighted and escalated to the midwife in charge and the on-call obstetric team. Medical review is arranged and a multidisciplinary review is triggered for any unwell patient to facilitate discussion between the anaesthetic, obstetric, midwifery and ITU teams.
- Transfer is undertaken by WAST or the Adult Critical Care Transfer Service who operate during the day.



There have been [REDACTED] requiring transfer to the Morriston hospital ITU in the past five years. On review, these were appropriate and not related to any failings in the care being provided, but as a result of a critical clinical event and deemed unavoidable.

I hope this provides you with the information you requested. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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Interim Chief Executive
Swansea Bay University Health Board

