



The health board have assured us this will not affect the review which has now commenced and will gather pace over the next few weeks.

Dr Chaffer is an Executive Clinical Nursing / Maternity Patient Safety Leader with over 15 years Executive Director Board Level Experience. This includes working for Providers, Commissioners, two Acute Trusts, a London Teaching Hospital and a recent national role for Patient Safety. She was also a Director Lead for the Early Notification Scheme (ENS) in maternity and the Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST) maternity incentive scheme. Previously Dr Chaffer was the President of Royal College of Nursing (RCN) from July 2021 to December 2022.

A copy of the press notice including the resignation letter is attached for your information and a link to the revised terms of reference can be found below:

[External Independent Review of Maternity and Neonatal Services of Swansea Bay University Health Board: Terms of Reference - Swansea Bay University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)

**Lines to take:**

- We are aware that Margaret Bowron has resigned as Chair of the oversight panel for independent review of maternity and neonatal services in Swansea and note the appointment of Dr Denise Chaffer as interim chair.
- They have acted swiftly to appoint an interim chair to ensure there is continuity and no delay enabling the oversight panel to continue its role.

Happy to discuss

Many thanks

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