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Subject: Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) maternity unit - Media activity following the publication of HIW report

Good afternoon,

The Cabinet Secretary may wish to be aware of the recent and upcoming media activity regarding Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) maternity unit.

- The HIW report was published today following the inspection carried out in April 2024
 - [Maternity services at Singleton Hospital are improving but issues remain | Healthcare Inspectorate Wales \(hiw.org.uk\)](#)
 - [20240731SingletonMaternityEN 0.pdf \(hiw.org.uk\)](#)
- Nation.Cymru published an article on SBUHB maternity unit: [Mothers at centre of failing maternity unit scandal say their concerns have been brushed aside \(nation.cymru\)](#). This article was published yesterday, prior to the release of the HIW report.
- Nation.Cymru have since published an article this afternoon following the HIW publication: [Improvements made at maternity unit following damning inspection \(nation.cymru\)](#)

SBUHB have advised that they have received requests from ITV for a statement.

Furthermore, we have been informed that Sky News are running a story this evening regarding a family that are spokespeople for a parents group calling for an independent inquiry into SBUHB and one other woman. The family have been in regular contact with the Welsh Government and are known to us. SBUHB have not provided the details of Sky News request, however, officials have had sight of the health boards statement issued to Sky News. Unfortunately, we do not have a definitive time this news slot will air.

Welsh Government have not been approached for a statement to date, however, Officials have prepared press lines should they be required.

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