

## Oral Statement Briefing

### Maternity and Neonatal Quality Statement

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#### Swansea Bay maternity review

In November 2023, Swansea Bay University Health Board commissioned an external review of maternity and neonatal services to provide: assurance to the Health Board; reassurance to families, in respect of services delivered, and to identify opportunities for service improvement. The Board also agreed to the establishment of an Oversight Panel reporting directly to Board.

This review was commissioned following concerns raised by families about service safety as well as MBRRACE-UK outcome data, and a number of prior external and internal reviews. The Review will examine the safety and effectiveness of the current service.

The health board provided an update on progress to their board in January 2025, indicating that the review is on track and highlights:

- **Family engagement** - The Oversight Panel Chair has made a new appointment to the Oversight Panel, Ken Sutton, to provide additional oversight of the family engagement work.
- **Governance Review** on control of current service report has been received by the health board and is undergoing checks for factual accuracy and is expected to go to their public Board in February
- **Llais report** – to be received at the February quality and safety committee.
- **Clinical Reviews** – All review letters have been sent to individuals and families involved in 2022, 2021 and 2020 cases.
- The Clinical review team has now completed reviews on over 50% of cases which is in line with planned timescales. The team is preparing letters to share with the individuals and families whose cases have been reviewed.
- The Independent Review **terms of reference** have been widened to include a review of Maternal ITU cases between 2020 and 2024 to identify any additional learning points to contribute to the overall review. Assurance will also be sought in relation to oversight of any maternal deaths during the same time-period.
- **Psychological Support** - In terms of bereavement and emotional / psychological support, is available to families

#### Review Timeline

The Oversight Panel have set out the project plan timeline of the review in three parts with the review aiming to conclude in June 2025.