

FM's Hot Topics Issues Health, Social Care & Early Years

Additional Brief

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2. Swansea Bay UHB - Maternity Review (Update)

We have been advised that a group of families in the Swansea Bay area intend to announce their own 'family led' review of Swansea Bay Maternity this week. There is history between some of the families and the health board over the setting up of the independent review, and the appointment of Margaret Bowron KC as the chair. (Margaret Bowron has since resigned from the review.)

The families say they have the full backing of Donna Ockenden, and have invited the Welsh Government to support their work. We have seen an advance copy of their press release. It is very critical of the health board and the independent review.

Lines to take

- The best way to examine the service and ensure that appropriate plans can be put in place is through the independent review into maternity services commissioned by the health board.
- The independent review has been commissioned by the health board to ensure that there is an in-depth analysis/review of maternity services at SBUHB, including complaints, incidents, family feedback, and patient case note reviews. The review will look at both clinical and governance matters which are extremely important and, when coupled with families' experiences, could give systemic lessons.
- Users of SBUHB's maternity and neonatal services are key to the independent review that has been commissioned.
- The independent review would benefit from the participation and involvement of the families, and we encourage them to try and find a way to work with the review team.

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