

HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND EARLY YEARS BRIEF FOR TREFNYDD – 17 SEPTEMBER 2024

1. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF MATERNITY AND NEONATAL SERVICE IN SWANSEA BAY UHB

- There is considerable focus and oversight on the maternity and neonatal services in the health board and we have oversight of the current service which has been reinforced by the appointment of a new Director for the service.
- The decision to reopen the home birth centre with immediate effect following a special meeting of the Board is welcome and I am sure will be well used by expectant mothers.
- The health board has commissioned an independent review to assess the quality and safety of its maternity and neonatal services, and the terms of reference for the review have been published on the health board website, following a listening period with families and staff
- Dr Denise Chaffer is a highly experienced midwife, and her appointment as interim Chair ensures the oversight panel can make decisions and discharge its responsibilities in line with the published terms of reference.

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