

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

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1. Independent Review of Maternity and Neonatal Services in Swansea Bay UHB - updated

Background:

There has been recent media coverage about one of the families asking the South Wales police to undertake a criminal inquiry into the events surrounding the maternity unit. We understand the police have been in contact with the health board and have requested a contact within Welsh Government

Birthing unit and home birth services

The midwife-led birth centre at Neath Port Talbot Hospital reopened on Monday 16 September, with the first birth at the unit within 24 hours. The home birth service will reopen from Monday 21 October 2024.

Lines to take:

- Service users and families' experiences are key to the independent review commissioned by the health board and we encourage them to try and find a way to work with the review team.
- The decision to reopen the home birth centre is welcome and is already being used within the first birth within 24 hours of reopening.

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