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Dear Mabon

Thank you for your questions during Plenary on 5th June regarding Swansea Bay University Health Board's maternity and neonatal services. I wish to clarify some of the information I provided during our exchange.

I stated that the health board had undertaken a recruitment exercise and would be welcoming 17 new student midwives in September 2024, as well as a Director of Midwifery later this month. I wish to confirm that these will not be student midwives but instead newly qualified midwives joining the service, helping to further strengthen the existing workforce. The Director of Midwifery has been appointed and will be commencing in post at the beginning of July 2024.

I explained that my officials had met with the health board on 03 June 2024 as part of the enhanced monitoring escalation arrangements and an update had been provided regarding the reopening of the home birth centre and community services. I wish to clarify that it is the reinstatement of the home birth service and the reopening of Neath Port Talbot Birth Centre that the health board is finalising plans for, subject to the successful outcome of discussions with relevant unions and approval by the Board.

I have copied this letter to the Llywydd and hope that this correction will be appended to the Record of Proceedings.

Yours sincerely,

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