

Sharon Fernandez
National Clinical Lead for Perinatal Mental Health

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Dear Sharon,

Follow-up on the inquiry into perinatal mental health

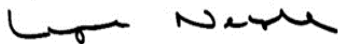
As you will be aware, the Children, Young People and Education Committee reported on perinatal mental health in October 2017. As part of that report, we committed to undertake follow-up work to measure the progress made against our recommendations.

We are grateful to you for accepting our invitation to provide evidence as National Clinical Lead for Perinatal Mental Health on Wednesday 26 February 2020. On this date, in a separate session, we will also hear from WHSSC, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB and Swansea Bay UHB.

To inform our work, we would be grateful to receive a written paper from you, responding to the points outlined in the annex to this letter. Please could you submit this to the Clerk by Friday 31 January 2020 – she is happy to discuss the request in more detail with you should that be helpful.

We look forward to hearing from you in the new year.

Yours sincerely,



Lynne Neagle AM
Chair



ANNEX – request for written information

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The Committee would be grateful to receive a paper on the points listed below from your perspective as National Clinical Lead. Please feel free to comment on any other aspects you believe would be of use to the Committee's follow-up scrutiny.

- General information on the role/work of the Clinical Lead, including:
 - the work being undertaken;
 - what progress has been made and outcomes achieved;
 - how her work is being monitored;
 - the budget attached to the role.
- Information on the current position of each Health Board in terms of the PMH services being provided and whether a variation still exists.
- The role of the Clinical Lead in relation to MBU provision.
- In his update to Committee on **1 October 2019**, the Minister stated that whilst formal data collection systems are being established, WG continues to request information from health boards every six months. However, the data is incomplete as not all health boards had yet been able to collect the relevant information.
 - Which health boards are not able to report the data and exactly what data is available?
 - What data is currently available on psychological therapeutic support?
- Which health boards have fully signed up to the Royal College of Psychiatrists' quality standards? What is your involvement as Clinical Lead in this?
- Recommendation 18 of the Committee's October 2017 report requests that the Welsh Government ensure every health board has a specialist PMH midwife in post. As of October 2018, Powys had a consultant midwife on a secondment basis for 6 months. What is the current situation?

