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Dear Russell,

Thank you for your letter of 25 April, requesting an update about the home birth service suspension and closure of the Neath Port Talbot Birth Centre.

Last week, within Swansea Bay University Health Board's management board approved the reopening of the Neath Port Talbot Birth Centre and the reinstatement of the home birth service, subject to final approval by the Board at its public meeting on 23 May. This followed a comprehensive review of process with significant staff input and engagement.

However, as a result of issues raised this week by one of the health board's recognised unions, my officials have been informed there will be a short delay in bringing the formal proposal to the Board for consideration. This will ensure the Board is fully briefed about any issues and has sufficient assurance before a final decision is made.

Yours sincerely

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