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Dear Buffy

Thank you for the committee's letter requesting further information in relation to the Perinatal Clinical Implementation Network and Uned Gobaith.

When we published our new, 10-year [Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy](#) in April, the Strategic Programme for Mental Health, which is part of NHS Performance and Improvement, decided to review its governance and implementation structures to support the delivery of the strategy. This included strengthening clinical leadership across the programme, putting it in a better position to deliver the strategy's major priorities, including the open access approach to mental health.

My officials have discussed this with Ciara Rogers, the national director for mental health, learning disability and neurodiversity in NHS Wales Performance and Improvement, and she would be happy to provide a briefing for the committee if this would be helpful. My office can help make the arrangements.

The legacy report outlined in my initial response will be clear about any open actions and risk management that will continue as we manage the work that would have been previously supported by the Perinatal Network. We will make this available, including detail about how this work will be taken forward. The outputs of this report will be included in the broader work to implement the *Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy*.

In relation to Uned Gobaith, this was originally agreed as an interim solution while a further options appraisal and site identification was undertaken. In recognition of this status, a [review](#) in 2024 about longer-term perinatal mental health commissioning requirements for people in North Wales was expanded to cover the whole of Wales.

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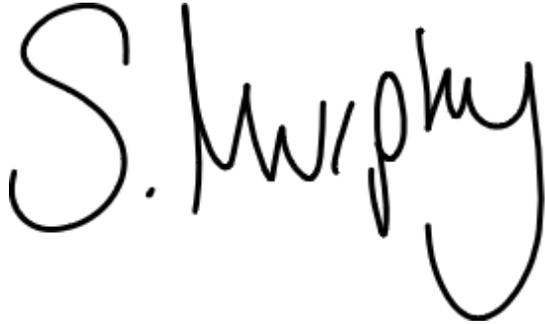
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

This confirmed the ideal configuration would be to expand Uned Gobaith by two beds. It acknowledged that Uned Gobaith was not a purpose-built mother and baby unit and that future plans should consider an 8-bed unit; the methodology used in the report would help determine the optimal location of any new unit.

Any future work in this area needs to be considered as part of the longer-term national estates strategy – we will therefore continue to invest in the unit to ensure it complies with CCQI standards, which cover both build and staffing requirements.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "S. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

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