

Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing
Sarah Murphy MS

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Perinatal Mental Health Support – Outstanding Questions

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for your recent response dated 12 November regarding the Perinatal Clinical Implementation Network and Uned Gobaith. While we appreciate the time taken to reply and acknowledge that some issues raised previously have been addressed across your two responses, we remain extremely disappointed that, despite our explicit and repeated request for each of our questions to be answered individually, this has not been done.

The Committee asked five specific questions in our letter of 18 July. Your response of 18 September touched on some areas but it did not make clear reference to the questions themselves. For that reason, we reiterated these questions in our letter of 13 October, reflecting the seriousness of the concerns raised by stakeholders. Unfortunately, your latest correspondence still does not provide the clarity required and leaves key issues unresolved.

We therefore request that you provide **full and explicit answers to each of the questions listed below**, without further delay:

1. We note that this [the disbanding of the Network and Lead] is currently a “proposal”. Please can you confirm the status of these proposals, and whether considering is being given to retain the Network and the Clinical Lead Role?
2. What are the reasons for the proposal, and what other options have been explored?
3. Can you also explain why there has not been wider consultation and engagement on the proposals themselves, and clarify whether this will be rectified?

4. If the Network is disbanded, how does the Welsh Government intend to ensure that the inequities which are currently present in the system are reduced and ultimately removed?
5. We would also appreciate an update on when the Mother and Baby Unit in Chester will be open to Welsh families, along with confirmation of the long term status of Uned Gobaith? Finally, when the recommendations from the one year review of Uned Gobaith will be implemented.

Given the significance of these matters for families across Wales, we look forward to a comprehensive response by 9 January so that the Committee can consider this at its meeting on 15 January.

Yours sincerely,



Buffy Williams MS

Chair

Children, Young People and Education Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

