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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 15 October informing me of Emma Jones's petition in relation to the care of babies born after 22 weeks gestation.

As I am sure you are aware, the care of extremely preterm babies is extremely challenging and reviewed regularly as medical advances are made.

Health boards follow guidance from both the Royal College of Paediatrics and the British Association of Perinatal Medicine. Whilst the care of the mother and her baby will always need to be individualised, current guidance suggests that it would be considered in the best interests of the baby, and standard practice, for resuscitation not to be carried out. If the parents wish, they should have the opportunity to discuss outcomes with a second senior member of the perinatal team.

*Best wishes,
Mark*

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