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Christine Chapman AM
Chair, Children and Young People Committee
National Assembly for Wales

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Dear Christine

I am writing in response to the action point raised at the Children and Young People Committee inquiry into neonatal care held on 31 May 2012 relating to the claim some transfers of neonatal patients had been delayed due to decisions made by ambulance service controllers.

I have asked officials to look into this issue and I understand the Welsh Ambulance Services Trust has confirmed there have been no delays to the neonatal transfer service it provides as a direct result of ambulance controllers not sending an appropriate response. The Trust did refer to a recent request to support the transfer of twins and due to the fact not all of its ambulances have the required equipment and cots for this very specialist group of patients, the transfers were undertaken one after another and not able to be accommodated at the same time.

I trust this reassures the Committee.

Kind regards
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