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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 11th June 2019. Your request sought information relating to maternity services.

- 1. Following the change in boundaries on April 1, can you please outline what maternity services now remain within your health board area at Singleton and at Neath Port Talbot and who has overall responsibility for leadership of the service?**

There has been no change to provision of maternity services at Singleton and Neath Port Talbot Hospitals since the change in boundaries. Both hospitals have Antenatal Clinics and Day Assessment Units which are open during the weekday. Neath Port Talbot has a Stand Alone Birth Centre and Singleton Hospital has an along-side Midwifery Led Unit. Singleton Hospital also has a 24hr Antenatal Assessment Unit, Antenatal Ward, Labour Ward and Postnatal Ward.

- 2. I understand that Swansea Bay Health Board has seconded the head of midwifery to Cwm Taf to improve maternity services within that board which is now responsible for the maternity unit at Princess of Wales. What is being done to minimise the impact of this move on maternity services within Swansea Bay and when will the secondment end?**

The Deputy Head of Midwifery has been seconded into the role of Head of Midwifery and will continue in post until the secondment ends. All Midwifery Management posts within Swansea Bay UHB have been filled as secondment posts by midwives with appropriate experience. We have not received confirmation from Cwm Taf as



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to when the secondment will end however, this will be discussed with Swansea Bay UHB closer to the date.

3. There was mention at an AM briefing from the Board that some consultants and junior doctors have carried on providing services at Princess of Wales Hospital maternity department since the change in boundaries. Can you say whether this is still on-going, how many have been transferred formally to Cwm Taf Morgannwg and what impact this has had (staff availability, rotas, use of bank or agency staff) on the rest of the maternity departments within Swansea Bay.

I can confirm that there are no Swansea Bay Health Board obstetric staff providing services at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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