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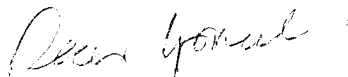
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Thank you for your letter of 29 July regarding the Wales Audit Office Report on Maternity Services.

I am pleased that the report shows that women are satisfied with the care they received, but acknowledge that we can, and are, doing more to further improve maternity services and the support for mothers and babies.

I have asked my officials to establish a Working Group to consider and recommend improvements to maternity services in Wales. The Group's remit will be to consider the specific recommendation within the WAO report and also to advise on the longer term direction for maternity services in Wales and the important interdependencies with other elements of the health service.

I would expect to receive a final report from the group in December 2009.

