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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 23 June about your concerns regarding hospital visiting during the Coronavirus pandemic and in particular, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's maternity visiting restrictions.

The Welsh Government normally supports a person-centred flexible approach to visiting. However, our first priority is the prevention and control of infection in our healthcare settings. This is to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of patients, staff and visitors themselves.

Welsh Government guidance on hospital visiting during the Coronavirus pandemic was updated on 18 June and can be found at the following link: <https://gov.wales/hospital-visiting-during-coronavirus-outbreak-guidance>.

It is important that visiting is risk assessed and agreed locally to ensure infection prevention and control measures can be followed. Health providers need to consider local environmental factors such as room size, equipment, distance between beds and the ability to maintain social distancing when making decisions to agree visiting. It is for these reasons that the guidance provides an element of flexibility to health providers.

Health boards are currently undertaking further risk assessments of all maternity sites to assess whether some restrictions could be lifted whilst still maintaining the safest possible services for women and babies.

I hope this is helpful.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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