

Swansea Bay University Health Board

December 2024

Swansea Bay University Health Board Wales serving around 383,000 people and employs just under 12,500 people.

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Maternity and Neonatal Services

- The health board reopened the midwife-led birth centre at Neath Port Talbot Hospital on 16 September 2024 and reintroduced their home birth service from 21 October 2024. The health board has invested £750,000 and recruited 35 hospital-based and community staff to support the reopening of both services, offering families a wider choice of how and where to have their babies.
 - Swansea is the only health board in Wales to sign up to the Bliss baby charter. It is a practical framework for neonatal units to self-assess the quality of family-centred care they deliver against a set of seven core principles. It enables units to audit their practices and develop meaningful plans to achieve changes that benefit babies and their families.
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Issues or concerns

Maternity and neonatal

- Maternity and neonatal services were escalated to enhanced monitoring by Welsh Government in January 2024 following a number of concerns about the service.
- The health board has commissioned an independent review to assess the quality and safety of its maternity and neonatal services

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Key Performance metrics

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