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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1464  
Ein cyf/Our ref SM/10279/24

Carolyn Thomas MS  
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12 December 2024

Dear Carolyn,

**Petition P-06-1464 Allow Welsh families who have experienced Baby loss before 24 weeks to obtain baby loss certificate**

Thank you for your letter of 22 November regarding the above petition.

We want everyone in Wales who has been bereaved to know support is available to them, and we are working on a number of initiatives to improve access to bereavement support for children, young people and adults in Wales.

Following the UK Government's launch of the voluntary scheme to enable parents whose baby died before 24 weeks of pregnancy to apply for a free certificate to provide recognition of their loss, agreement was made in principle with the then Minister for Health and Social Care and the previous Secretary of State for Health and Social services to extend the scheme to Wales. Unfortunately, discussions were paused in the lead up to and during the General Election period.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care has written to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care seeking his support to consider how best the scheme can be extended to Wales without further delay. I have also met with my UK counterpart Baroness Merron, where we discussed the extension of the baby loss certificate scheme into Wales. I am pleased to advise that discussions between UK Government and my officials have reconvened, and work is underway to extend the scheme into Wales.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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 black ink, reading "S. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

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