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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1464
Ein cyf/Our ref SM/00708/25

Carolyn Thomas MS
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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter dated 18 November regarding Petition P-06-1464, which calls for Welsh families to have access to a bereavement certificate for baby loss up to 24 weeks gestation.

The Welsh Government is committed to ensuring every family is appropriately and compassionately supported in these circumstances and understands the importance for parents to have formal recognition of their loss.

As you are aware, I have issued a Ministerial Direction to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA) to deliver the scheme for Wales. Discovery work is underway, which includes an assessment of implementation timelines, costs and the technical requirements to provide a fully bilingual service – from application, to the production of a bilingual certificate – which complies with Welsh language standards.

Unfortunately, this is taking longer than we anticipated, we have been advised by NHS BSA that the current system was not developed to deliver a bi-lingual service therefore a new development is required. This must comply with Government Digital Standards and therefore we will be commencing a period of user research (a requirement of these standards) in January 2026. My officials are working collaboratively with NHS BSA, during the discovery phase, liaising with parents who wish to participate in the user research phase and with translation support. We anticipate a final report to be with us week commencing the 2nd March detailing the development timeline and cost.

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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.

As soon as I have the detail from NHS BSA, I will advise the committee.

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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