

Healthcare Inspectorate Wales

Special Review of Maternity Services Provided by Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust

Monitoring of the Trust Action Plan

1. At the monthly meeting held with the Trust on 17 September 2008 the following was noted:

ACTIONS COMPLETED:	
Action 1:	An appointment has now been made to the Head of Midwifery post
Action 8:	A substantial number of midwives taking up employment at end of September

SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS NOTED:	
Action 7	Significant discussion and action is being taken by the Trust Board is reviewing the way in which it works. This includes its balance of consideration of operational and strategic issues.
Action 5:	Patient Safety methodology – Safety Briefings/Multiprofessional handovers starting in earnest in September
Action 8:	Trust and Commissioners have agreed to Commission Birth-Rate Plus midwifery workforce planning exercise – starting October.

HIW's Comment on Implementation to Date

2. This month HIW has noted in particular the appointment of a Head of Midwifery and steps to increase the number of new midwives. Further progress in relation to obstetrics has been rather slower to achieve. Work to enhance the contribution of the Board to the leadership of the Trust is now in place.

HIW is continuing to monitor the Trust Action Plan and will be paying particular attention to those aspects of the Plan which require increased impetus.