

Supplement 3 to the agenda

Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

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Supplementary briefing paper

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Wye Valley Trust – suspension of home birth service

The committee have asked for additional information from Wye Valley NHS Trust regarding the number of actual home births that the trust supported in previous years. Since 2021, the number of homebirths has been:

2021 – 28
2022 – 11
2023 – 23
2024 – 22
2025 – 12

The committee also asked for additional information regarding the number of homebirths in 2025 that were planned but did not complete as a homebirth. The number of these is fewer than five. To protect the identity of those mothers, no further detail is offered.

