

**Agenda item no. 5 - Questions from members of the public**

<b>Question Number</b>	<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Question to</b>
PQ 1	Ms Ramsay, Leominster	“I am deeply concerned about the suspension of home birth services in Herefordshire (since 5th February 2026), particularly as no end date has been given. The assurance that this ‘temporary suspension’ is being reviewed on a weekly basis is unacceptable to women in the timescale of a pregnancy. The alternatives suggested - travelling to the birth centre at Worcester Royal Hospital or having an unassisted birth, supported by the ambulance service - are equally unsuitable. Could the Committee ask Wye Valley NHS Trust for a clear indication of when the service will be reinstated?”	Chairperson of Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
<b>Response:</b>  Thank you for your question. As part of our scrutiny of home birth service suspension, we will seek assurance that the Trust intend to reinstate the service. Although the Trust may be unable to provide a definitive date for the resumption of the service, our questioning will try to ascertain the reasons for the closure, the steps required to reinstate the service safely, and current progress in completing the steps required.			