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## MS FOR NORTH WALES / AS DROS GOGLEDD CYMRU

Eluned Morgan MS  
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Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Eluned Morgan MS,

**Re: Baby Loss Certificates for Welsh Residents**

I write in relation to the recent UK Government announcement [launching a baby loss certificate scheme](#) to provide parents with a certificate recognising their loss.

I welcome the introduction of baby loss certificates and I understand that the Welsh Government are working with officials in England to explore delivering the certification process across Wales.

As I know you will be aware, the sooner the Welsh Government can do this, the more broadly felt the benefits will be for those who have very sadly lost a baby.

In North-East Wales, near the border with England, many of my constituents use the Countess of Chester Hospital. The lack of a similar certification scheme in Wales could therefore be more acutely felt by residents in such a situation, who could suffer baby loss in an English hospital, but not be given access to a baby loss certificate because they reside in Wales.

I wanted to bring to your attention the particular circumstances of border residents in such a situation, and the perception that they may miss out on the basis of their postcode.

As such, would you be able to provide an update on discussions with officials in England, as well as a commitment that a baby loss certification scheme will be rolled out in Wales?

Yours Sincerely,



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