

Sarah Murphy AS/MS
Y Gweinidog Iechyd Meddwl a Llesiant
Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Darren Millar MS
Welsh Parliament
Cardiff Bay
Cardiff
CF99 1SN

Darren.Millar@senedd.wales

13 November 2024

Dear Darren,

You recently tabled the following written question reference **WQ 94454** apologies for the delay in responding.

You enquired ***“What action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that baby-loss certificates can be issued in Wales ?”***

Baby loss at any stage of pregnancy is distressing and I recognise the impact it can have on the entire family. We are committed to ensuring every family is appropriately and compassionately supported and we understand the importance for parents to have their pregnancy loss formally recognised.

All families who experience pregnancy loss at maternity units in Wales are supported by bereavement midwives and, in conjunction with the Sands charity, are offered memory boxes which include a commemorative “birth certificate”.

On 22 February 2024, the UK Government launched a voluntary scheme to enable parents whose baby died before 24 weeks of pregnancy to apply for a free certificate to provide recognition of their loss. The eligibility criteria for this scheme have recently been extended.

Agreement was made in principle to extend the scheme to Wales before the General Election. I have written to the Secretary of State for Health to expedite this work.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Murphy AS/MS
Y Gweinidog Iechyd Meddwl a Llesiant
Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing

Canolfan Cyswllt Cyntaf / First Point of Contact Centre:
0300 0604400

Bae Caerdydd • Cardiff Bay
Caerdydd • Cardiff
CF99 1SN

Gohebiaeth.Sarah.Murphy@llyw.cymru
Correspondence.Sarah.Murphy@gov.wales

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.