



Designated Non-Executive Director Report: **Maternity Services**

<u>For Decision</u> Requires majority decision prior to implementation or action.	<u>For Discussion</u> Requires consideration and debate.	<u>For Noting</u> Contains information Members should be made aware.
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Period: from last board meeting to current board meeting

Engagements

No of meetings/visits – topic/location - specific issues to highlight

The month of May marks International Day of the Midwife. This year the Minister, Mike Nesbitt visited both the Community Midwifery Hub in Ards on the 6 May 2026 and the Ulster Maternity Unit on 5 May 2026. During the event at the Ulster Hospital, the team presented the Hazel McCalister award. This award was established in 2022 by the Royal College of Midwives South Eastern Trust Branch in the memory of Hazel McCalister who worked as a midwife within our Trust. The winner of the award is nominated by colleagues for demonstrating exceptional care, professionalism and teamwork. This year's award was presented to Amanda Stothers.

Since the last Trust Board, charitable funds have been approved to support the Maternity Service received UNICEF Breast Feeding Initiative accreditation. Assessors will be onsite in June 2026.

Concerns Raised

Anything you were concerned about, challenged, asked for clarification, suggested an alternative

Nil.

Escalation to Board

List anything you believe the Board should be aware of; exposed risk, reputational damage, media interest should issue become public, risk of litigation, potential for SPPG to record on Support and Intervention Framework, change in recording of the risk.

PW coroners case concluded at the end of March 2026 for evidence and the Trust now await Coroners findings.

Lead: Anne Quirk, Non-Executive Director

Date 26 May 2026