

Report Title:	Public Questions Received Outside of the Meeting		
Sponsoring Executive:	Sir David Nicholson – Chair		
Report Author:	Dan Conway Associate Director of Corporate Governance / Company Secretary		
Meeting:	Trust Board (Public)	Date	6 th

1. Suggested discussion points *[two or three issues you consider the Trust Board should focus on]*

A question was received by email for the Board.

This responded to by the executive team by email and is here for publication.

2. Alignment to our Vision *[indicate with an 'X' which Strategic Objective this paper supports]*

Our Patients		Our People		Our Population	
To be good or outstanding in everything that we do	X	To cultivate and sustain happy, productive and engaged staff	X	To work seamlessly with our partners to improve lives	

3. Previous consideration *[where has this paper been previously discussed?]*

N/a

4. Recommendation(s)

The Trust Board is asked to:

a. NOTE the question and response received by the public.

b.

c.

5. Impact *[indicate with an 'X' which governance initiatives this matter relates to and where shown elaborate]*

Trust Risk Register		N/a			
Board Assurance Framework		N/a			
Equality Impact Assessment	Is this required?	Y		N	If 'Y' date completed
Quality Impact Assessment	Is this required?	Y		N	If 'Y' date completed

Question Number	Meeting Date	Questioner	Question	Answer
1.	6 th April 2022	Jayne Whistance	<p>I would like to ask when SWBH will be allowing more than one birth partner into maternity delivery suites, the recent easing of visitor restrictions has been very welcome so surely now we need to move forward for this to include easing of restrictions in maternity and give the women in labour the much needed support they need at this special but sometimes difficult time.</p> <p>My daughter is due 12th April and i along with her husband were with her for both previous deliveries and we believe that having us both present contributed to her having the natural births she wanted with very little intervention. We are desperately hoping for the same outcome this time, to have two supportive birthing partners make's a huge difference both physically and mentally, my daughter is extremely anxious as her due date is very close so please review this sooner rather than later.</p>	<p>We are actively reviewing the options to bring more than one individual into the delivery suite to accompany women during labour. I recognise that for many people this support is really important. All Trusts in the Midlands region are at the same stage of reviewing these arrangements.</p> <p>We will share this information with our pregnant women as soon as they are updated</p>