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Dear Kellie

Re: Community Midwives

Thank you for your letter regards the community midwife service. I am replying on behalf of Indigo House and have given a copy of this letter to all my partners who have reviewed it and given their opinions.

The overall feeling was positive. I think having the service in the GP premises is good and has increased our interaction as GPs with pregnant patients of ours and allowed a more holistic care package.

In answer to your three points, I do think this system has provided an island wide antenatal care service in accessible non hospital settings.

It is harder to answer the second question, but this seems to be the case within our practice.

In order to the third point I certainly feel that it has helped provide a multi-disciplinary team approach with better communication between primary care certainly and probably secondary care as well.

The only negative comments were that there is no recompense for the cost of the room at the GP practice with GPs taking the cost for this. Also GPs are providing their care at a reduced rate. This is counter balanced by the fact that we probably were not seeing them as much before but it is still reduced. In Indigo House we have agreed to see the patients for no charge for any conditions during their pregnancy and in some cases this can be quite often.

Thank you for your letter and I hope the above is helpful. Do get back to me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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