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Dear [REDACTED]

### **INDEPENDENT NATIONAL MATERNITY AND NEONATAL INVESTIGATION**

Thank you for your email of 20<sup>th</sup> July to Alex Norris, the Secretary of State for Justice, and your recent engagement on social media, as well as your follow-up correspondence of 6<sup>th</sup> August, submitted through the office of the Rt Hon Gavin Williamson. I am responding as the Minister with responsibility for coroner policy.

I want to thank you for your continued commitment to improving maternity and neonatal services. As you know, on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026, Baroness Amos published her final report and recommendations as Chair of the independent National Maternity and Neonatal Investigation. On the day of publication, my department and the Department for Health and Social Care agreed with Baroness Amos' recommendation to respond to the 2019 consultation on coronial investigations of stillbirths.

Baroness Amos' report is clear on the need to improve the quality, transparency, oversight and accountability of investigations. The Government is now carefully considering the evidence that Baroness Amos collected through the final report of her independent investigation into maternity and neonatal care, to ensure that we put in place the most effective model for maternity investigations. I, and my colleagues across Government, remain committed to publishing our response to the 2019 consultation as soon as possible and will provide further update as soon as we are able.

As I said earlier today, I am speaking to colleagues at DHSC on this matter, and I would be happy to meet with you. My officials will be in touch to arrange this as I am keen to hear from you directly, and discuss this important issue further.

Yours sincerely,

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**Minister for Victims and Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls**