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Milton Ulladulla Maternity Service update

More local families are utilising specialised pre-birth and postnatal care services close to home, with 7-day a week convenience, thanks to the newly established maternity service at Milton Ulladulla. An evaluation of the service was recently conducted following the establishment of a Level 1 Model of Care in May.

ISLHD Chief Executive, Margot Mains, said the first few months of the Level 1 service have been extremely positive and the foundational work is being welcomed by local families.

“Our goal has always been to work to develop the most appropriate service for Milton Ulladulla Hospital and we need to ensure this is done in the right way. Establishing and testing a robust and well-functioning Level 1 service has been our initial goal, and I am delighted with what has been achieved so far for local families,” she said.

A review of parenthood education classes being offered at Milton has seen a steady increase in the number of participants. There has been a significant increase in postnatal care delivered at home by Milton midwives, with the service now available 7 days a week.

All women now have access to midwifery care through the Milton Antenatal Clinic.

An obstetrician continues to visit Milton each Wednesday for antenatal clinic appointments to assist in providing care to pregnant women; who continue to birth at Shoalhaven Hospital. Clinical communication between Milton and Shoalhaven Hospitals has also been enhanced.

The Antenatal Clinic is located on the Ground Floor of Milton Ulladulla Hospital in the Allied Health Department. Local women and families can contact the Milton Ulladulla Hospital midwives on phone: 4454 9116.

Meanwhile, the Model of Care group is continuing to focus on further developing the maternity service at Milton Ulladulla and fully exploring the reintroduction of Level 2 birthing services.

“As we’ve said in the past, the next steps will require a great deal more work, given the complexities of the clinical and organisational requirements of a Level 2 service. It needs to be safe, sustainable and supported by the appropriate workforce and core services.

We are continuing to work together with local clinicians and community representatives to ensure we are on track to develop the most appropriate service for Milton Ulladulla Hospital into the future,” said Ms Mains.

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