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Hello,

Thank you for your email and the documents contained therein.

I note the question taken on notice as below. I have subsequently been informed by [redacted] Hospital NICU that support is offered to young parents via the social work team, detailed below and that this care or similar is offered in most NICU's. We are pleased to see this level of professional support through social work and also identify the gap for these parents with peer support. Peer support can greatly compliment the care provided by social work or professional counsellors.

Through the Women & Child Health Social work Team we have a few Models of care, one of which is the "Young Parents Coordinated Care".

We have a dedicated Social Worker to this role; Her name is [redacted].

[redacted] meets the Young Parents in the Ante-natal Clinic & works closely with a Midwife & together they provide continuity of care if psychosocial vulnerabilities are identified. If a young parent were to have a baby in the NICU & [redacted] has previously met them she will continue to work with the parents during the NICU admission, linking to Community resources depending on need. If [redacted] has not previously met the parents, it would be myself who would follow up in NICU.

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The Hon. SARAH MITCHELL: Yes. And, as you said, some families at certain times will need services of different organisations depending on their own experience with their own children. Quickly going back to your submission, you called out young parents and their experience, particularly if they do have babies in neonatal care and how that can be severely isolating for them if they don't have support people around them. Again, is there anything in that space specifically that the Committee should be looking at in terms of recommendations for those younger parents who might not have that family support in the same way that, in your experience, would make a difference?

KYLIE PUSSELL: Yes, I'd love to probably take that on notice, if I can, because I definitely think some social workers who work in the neonatal units work a lot more with families that might have higher risks, so wouldn't feel comfortable in saying exactly. But I think, yes, social workers in the units would definitely have some great ideas around that.

The Hon. SARAH MITCHELL: That'd be great. Thank you.

If you require any further information please feel welcome to contact me.

Kind regards,

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