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Tolson urges action from Minister

Jim Tolson MSP for Dunfermline West wrote to Nicola Sturgeon, Cabinet Secretary & Deputy First Minister this week urging her to look at the funding of a midwifery-led unit at the Queen Margaret Hospital.

Jim commented "This is an issue that has been discussed on many occasions with NHS Fife proposing to open a unit in several years time but it seems that the need in West Fife is now more urgent than ever. The Register General's Report for Scotland shows that, the birth rate in Fife has increased since last year and this has already impacted on the maternity services at Forth Park with additional ante-natal clinics now required to deal with the increased number of births.

The time is right for NHS Fife to provide this vital service to expectant mothers in West Fife. If they can't fund it, I'm calling on the Scottish Government to do so. "

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