

# Establishing a Transitional Care service across 3 units

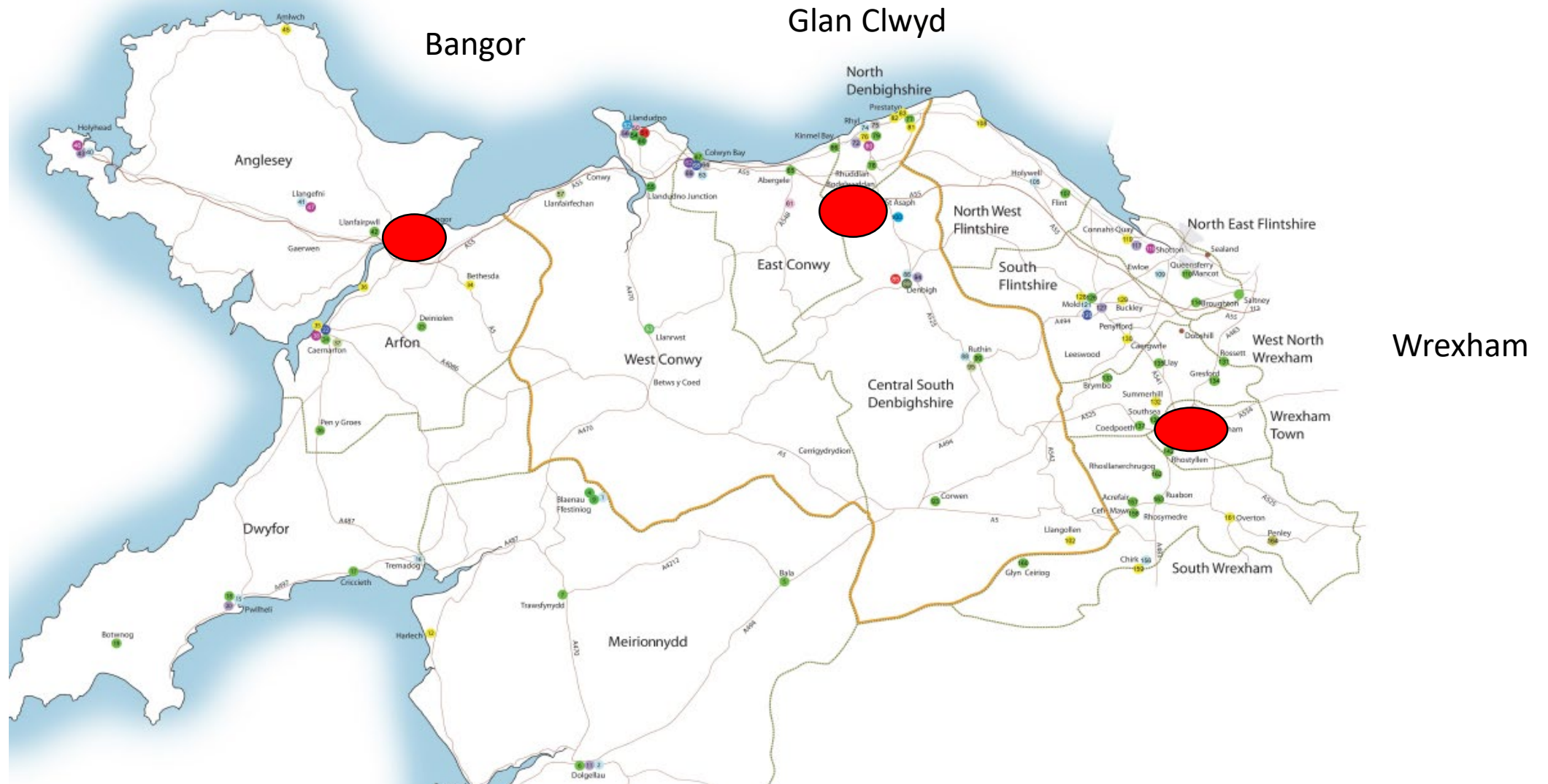
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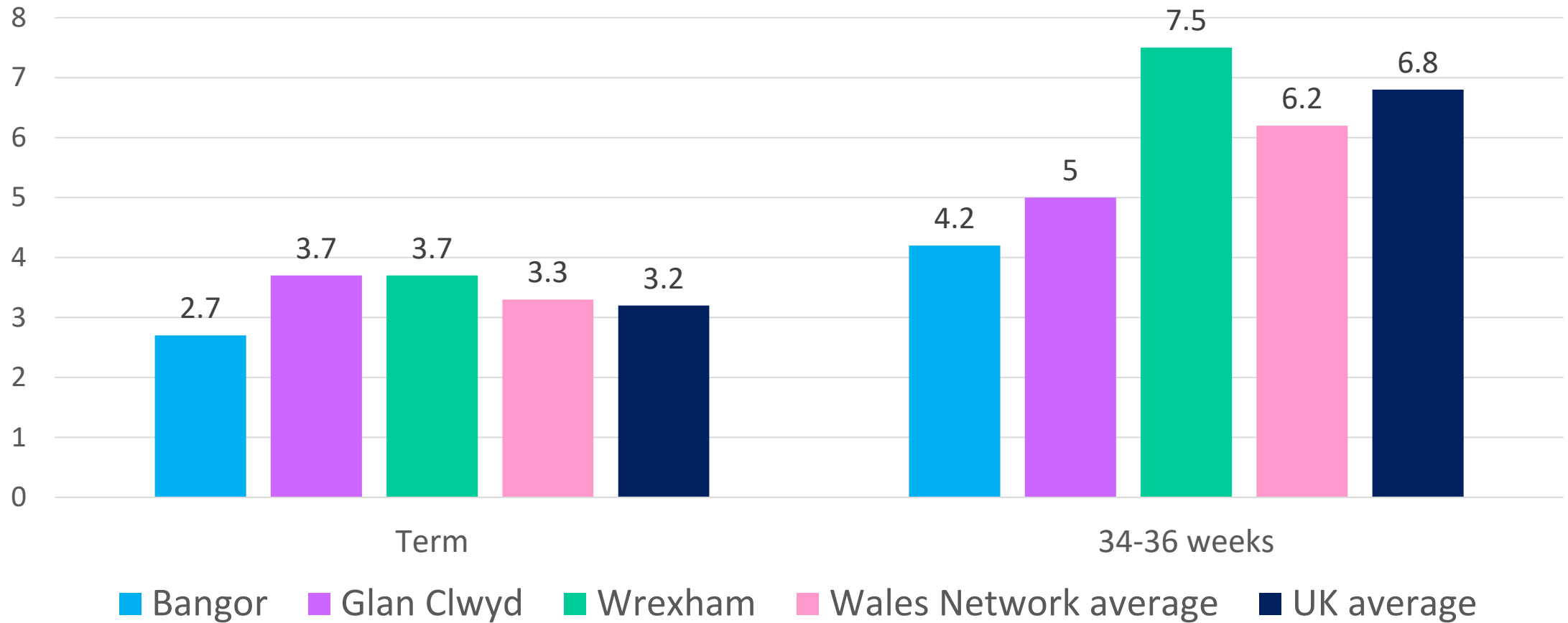


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# NNAP days of separation (2017 data)



# Transitional Care model

- **To prevent separation of mother & baby whilst supporting any additional health needs of the baby**
- Well babies who require additional specialist advice
- Full enteral feeds which may include NGT
- $\geq 34+0$  weeks
- $\geq 1.8\text{kg}$
- Daily medical review & consultant input
- At least four times (in 24 hours) neonatal nursing input

# Aims

- To establish equitable access to Transitional Care facilities on the postnatal wards of the 3 acute sites of BCUHB (Bangor, Glan Clwyd and Wrexham)
- To minimise the duration of unnecessary separation of babies & mothers

**Methods**

Task & finish group-  
neonatal nursing &  
medical staff,  
midwifery staff and  
managers

New  
documentation  
- TC pathway  
and TC feeding  
chart

Parent  
information  
leaflet

Production of new  
Health Board  
guideline for NGT  
feeding by  
midwives & MSW

Review of  
Health Board  
guideline for  
TC provision

Teaching &  
competency  
package for  
NGT feeding

Targeted  
teaching for  
midwives &  
MSW at Bangor  
and Wrexham

Education  
sessions for  
midwives across  
3 sites-  
mandatory  
training sessions  
2017



# NEONATAL UNIT

Information for parents



## YOUR BABY AND TRANSITIONAL CARE



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Parent information leaflet

**Transitional Care**      Name      DOB

**Feeding chart**      Hospital number

Date	Day of life	Corrected Gestational Age	Birth weight	Current weight *
Msk/g/day	Amount	Frequency	Milk type	Teat type

\* Please use continue to use birth weight until current weight exceeds this

Time	Type of feed	Oral	NG	Gastric pH	NGT length	PU	BO	Obs recorded on NEWS	Skin contact	Comments	Signature

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**Neonatal & Women's Services**  
Transitional Care Pathway Document

<b>Baby's name</b>	<b>Hospital number</b>
<b>DOB</b>	<b>Time Of Birth</b>
<b>Mum's name</b>	

<b>Date commencing Transitional Care</b>	<b>Time commencing Transitional Care</b>
<b>Reason for commencing Transitional Care</b>	
<b>Admission source for Transitional Care</b>	PNW      NNU      Delivery Suite

<b>Birth weight</b>	<b>Gestational age at birth</b>
<b>Relevant antenatal history</b>	
<b>Delivery mode</b>	<b>Skin contact time</b> <b>Mother's intended feeding method</b>
<b>Resuscitation at birth</b>	
<b>Any known infections?</b>	
<b>Safeguarding issues? Yes/No (if yes, please record on purple sheets)</b>	
<b>Neonatal Bloodspot Screening (one spot)</b>	<b>Neonatal Bloodspot Screening (day...)</b>
Card number .....	Card number .....
Date sent .....	Date sent .....

New documentation - TC pathway and TC feeding chart

Teaching & competency package for NGT feeding



# Nasogastric tube feeds on the postnatal ward

ANNP and Education Teams  
Neonatal Units BCUHB

Targeted teaching for midwives & MSW at Bangor and Wrexham

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### Why babies need NGT feeds..

- Inability to consume an adequate oral intake
- Increased nutritional requirements
- Congenital anomalies



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### Equipment required for feeding



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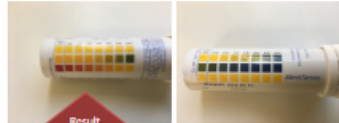
- NGT- will be sited by NNU staff
- Size 6
- Must be Enfit



- 10 ml Enfit compatible syringe

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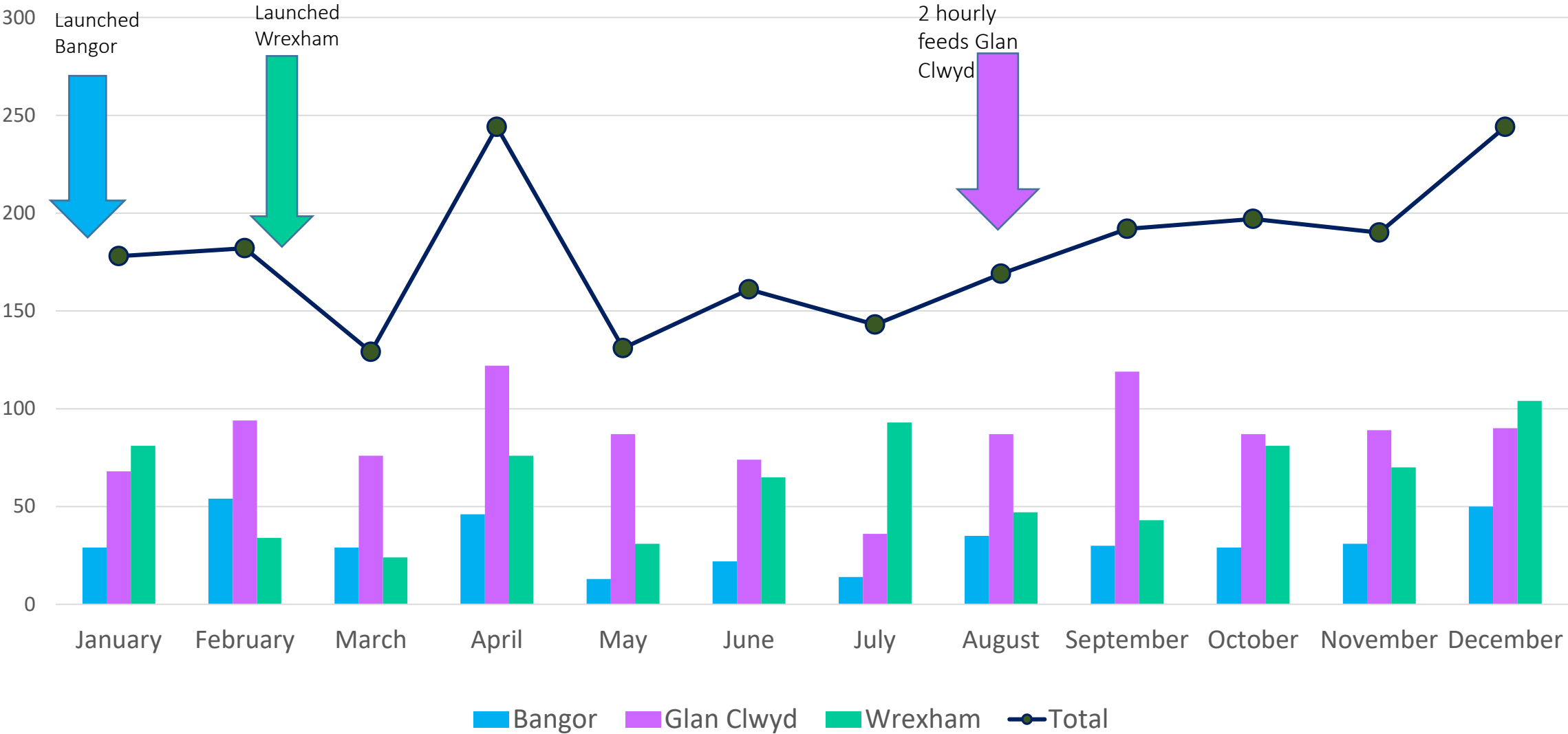
### pH measurement



Result MUST be this side



# Chart of TC care days in the three units (2018)



# Conclusion

- NNAP 2018 data predicted to show a decrease in the number of Term & 34-36 week gestation days of separation
- Each unit has faced different challenges with introducing a TC service
- A multi-disciplinary approach to the introduction of TC has been vital
- A review of parental satisfaction with the TC service is planned

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