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Thank you for your letter dated 8th August 2008 I apologise for the delay in replying your letter arrived just after I had gone on holiday on 7th August and I only returned on 18th August 2008. I take on board your views with regards to the Independent Review on Pensions by Hymans Robertson. I have had several people approach me with regards to what is going on with the pensions at the moment and I share your concern with regards to the eventual outcome of the report. Whilst I agree with your views that the staff is the backbone of the NHS here on the Island that is also the case in all Government Departments and should not be forgotten.

I am sure that if there is going to be any altering of the existing scheme for members there will be consultation between all parties concerned. Whilst the Pension Review is important and ongoing I was concerned to read in your last paragraph with regards to the workload of the midwives, the back pay and also that the morale is not high in this service at present. I would like the opportunity to discuss this with you further if possible, if you would be so good as to call me on 497782 or 842686 in the evenings or write to me again I would be very grateful.

Thank you for taking the time to bring these issues to my attention and I look forward to discussing this with you further in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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Member for Peel