



Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust

Ambulance service supporting newborn babies in the community

- **Ambulance service fleet improves support for newborn babies**

A Cynon Valley mother had an emotional reunion with the ambulance crew who supported the birth of her premature twins.

Catherine Johnson was 29 weeks pregnant when she unexpectedly went into labour at home. A team of 12 paramedics and technicians used specialist training they had undertaken just weeks prior, to care for and safely transport the newborns to hospital.

Every ambulance and response car in the Welsh Ambulance Service fleet now has 'Neo-HeLP' suits on board, designed to prevent hypothermia of newborns.

The trust is one of the first ambulance services in the UK to have equipment to this standard, and with the rollout of the new equipment and an online learning package, they are working hard to provide gold standard care to babies in the community.