A pregnant British woman accused of drug smuggling in Laos was not raped in prison, her mother has said.

Jane Orobator visited her daughter Samantha in prison for the second time on Tuesday.

In a statement issued through the Foreign Office, Mrs Orobator said: “Samantha is looking well. She told me she was not raped or sexually assaulted in prison and the father of her child is not a Lao prison official.”

She added: “I am grateful to the Lao authorities for allowing me to visit my daughter.

“I hope that Samantha can now quickly have a fair trial and that she will be able to come home before too long.”

Ms Orobator, of south London, has been held in jail in the country since last August, after she was allegedly caught with 1.51 pounds of heroin at Wattay Airport.

Initially, it was reported Ms Orobator could face the death penalty if found guilty but it later emerged Lao law forbids the execution of pregnant prisoners.

Earlier this month Foreign Secretary David Miliband signed a prisoner transfer agreement with the government of Laos meaning any potential sentence could be served in the UK.