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Welsh Government

Nick Ramsay MS  
Chair, Public Accounts Committee  
Welsh Parliament  
Cardiff Bay  
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Dear Mr Ramsay

### **Radiology Services – Outstanding Actions for Public Accounts Committee**

In late 2016, the Auditor General, Wales Audit Office, commenced a review of radiology services at all health boards in Wales. Additional work identified a number of key challenges faced by NHS Wales at both a national and local level.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019, I wrote to health board chief executives requesting an update on action taken locally in relation to the following five challenges:

- Workforce
- Equipment
- Demand
- Management of Services
- Quality

Welsh Government have reviewed the responses and are seeking assurance from the National Imaging Programme Strategy Board (NIPSB) that the actions taken are appropriate and support the strategic direction as outlined in the Statement of Intent (Sol) for Imaging.

Welsh Government is seeking assurance that the actions identified within the WAO report have been incorporated into the Sol Imaging Implementation Plan and are monitored on a regular basis and reported to NIPSB to enable risks to be identified and mitigating actions to be taken accordingly.

The NIPSB expect to ratify a final report of progress against the recommendations of the AGW at the next scheduled meeting on 13 October 2020. It is expected that this report shall provide an accurate and detailed reflection of progress made by the programme. We further expect that this report will be submitted to the Committee for your consideration immediately after Board approval.

Yours sincerely



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