

Jo Whitehead
Chief Executive
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

5 February 2021

Dear Chief Executive

Auditor General for Wales Reports:

**Refurbishment of Ysbyty Glan Clwyd
Arrangements for Interim Senior Staff Appointments – BCUHB**

Firstly I would like to welcome you to your role and wish you well in your new appointment.



The Public Accounts Committee considered the detailed response of 16 December 2020 from Gill Harris, the then acting Chief Executive, to the above Auditor General for Wales' (AGW) Reports. The Committee was satisfied with the response on the Refurbishment of Ysbyty Glan Clwyd but noted the Auditor General will be maintaining a watching brief on the Board's governance and overall financial management arrangements as part of his local audit work.

In respect of the Interim staff arrangements response, I would welcome more detail on the performance and financial returns delivered where the interim Recovery Director's work was focused. We note the concerns raised in the AGW's Report that the rate paid was higher than most of the benchmark comparators used. Please could you explain whether the daily rate paid to the Interim Recover Director and overall cost of his services represented value for money.



Can you also provide details of the impact of the Interim Recovery Director's work and a fuller explanation of why the response from the Health Board suggest the daily rate paid was in line with market rates.



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I would welcome your response by 26 February.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Ramsay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Nick Ramsay MS
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg / We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

