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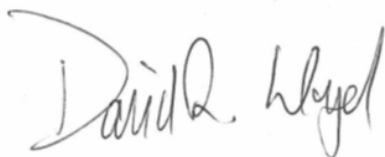
Dear Minister

On 12 February, the Committee held a general scrutiny session with the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust, following which Members asked that I write to you for further details of the Ministerial Ambulance Availability Taskforce. In particular, we would be grateful for details of the full membership of the Taskforce, along with the timeline for its work.

Further, the Committee notes that, in response to the deterioration in ambulance patient handover performance over recent months, you have asked officials to develop proposals for a system of incentives to achieve desired improvements. Your statement in January indicated that you expected to take a decision within the next couple of weeks to enable the new system to be introduced in time to impact on performance this winter. We would be grateful for any information you can provide on the incentives being considered and the planned timeline for their introduction. The Committee also wished to ask whether, as part of this, any consideration has been given to moving responsibility for and monitoring of hospital handovers from WAST to individual health boards.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



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Chair, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

