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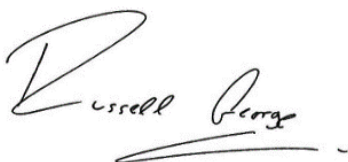
Dear Minister

Proposals for a new Velindre Cancer Centre

The proposals for a new Velindre Cancer Centre are significant for the delivery of cancer services in South Wales, and continue to be a matter of considerable public interest. I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with an update on the Welsh Government's position on the clinical model underpinning the planned changes to Velindre cancer services, including what action has been taken in response to the main conclusions and recommendations made on 1 December 2020 by the Nuffield Trust in its independent advice on the proposed model for non-surgical tertiary oncology services in South East Wales.

You will be aware that the Fifth Senedd Health, Social Care and Sport Committee discussed issues relating to the proposals with the then Minister for Health and Social Services in September 2020, and subsequently wrote to him on 22 December. I enclose that letter for ease of reference.

Yours sincerely



Russell George MS

Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

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

Vaughan Gething MS
Minister for Health and Social Services
Welsh Government

22 December 2020

Dear Minister

Proposals for a new Velindre Cancer Centre

As you will be aware, this is a matter that is of great interest to the Committee, not least because of the many representations that individual Members have received from concerned individuals and clinicians about the proposals for the model and location of the new centre. We discussed some of these concerns with you during our meeting on 30 September.

By this point, Velindre Trust had announced that it had appointed the Nuffield Trust to undertake a review of the proposals, and the Committee agreed that it would await the outcome of that review before deciding whether to take any further action.

Members of the Committee have now had the opportunity to consider the Nuffield Review, but unfortunately our forward work programme is such that it will not be possible for us to devote further committee time to this matter. We do, however, feel strongly that given the significance of the project for the whole of the region, and the substantial amounts of money to be invested, there is still work that needs to be done.

As we mentioned when we met previously, our interest in this matter is not in local planning concerns, but rather the clinical choices being taken into consideration when making final decisions about the new centre.



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At this stage, and notwithstanding the possible role for you further down the line as a decision-maker, we believe that the Welsh Government needs to ensure that it has done all it can to satisfy itself that the pertinent questions on such an important project have been asked and addressed before a final decision is made. We ask that you take the necessary steps in this regard.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dai Lloyd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Dr Dai Lloyd MS

Chair, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

