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Dear Russell

Thank you for your letter of 29 September regarding the Nuffield Trust's independent advice on the proposed model for non-surgical oncology in south east Wales.

The Nuffield Trust recommended a number of mitigations to support the network model of delivery set out in the outline business case for the new Velindre Cancer Centre.

Velindre University NHS Trust accepted these recommendations and the three commissioning health boards, as well as Velindre, have set up a dedicated forum for the south east of Wales, to develop these recommendations into action. These include:

- Revised admissions processes for Velindre Cancer Centre.
- Development of acute oncology services at district general hospitals in the region.
- The development of Velindre hubs at district general hospitals in the region.
- A hub at the University Hospital of Wales for patients receiving complex early phase experimental or advanced therapies.
- The potential for new regional elective services at Velindre Cancer Centre.

The Deputy Chief Executive of NHS Wales wrote to the health boards and the trust on 12 April 2021 asking for an update on the development of local plans. The Chief Executive of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, who chaired the regional forum, responded on 2 July and provided assurance to officials regarding the recommendations and their progress.

The revisions to the admissions criteria have largely been addressed and there is evidence of close working with the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust. A business case is nearing completion for the further development of acute oncology services across the region. The requirement for the development of a Velindre hub at the University Hospital of Wales is underway and consideration is also being given to hubs at other hospitals throughout the region.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

My officials have also reviewed health board annual plans and I can provide assurance that these developments are included in local planning assumptions.

We are due to seek a further update during this quarter and I would be happy to keep the Committee up to date on progress if this is helpful.

Thank you for writing to me on this important matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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