



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1269
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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter dated 27 October 2022 enclosing follow up questions by the petitioner to the petitions committee on Petition P-06-1269 Don't let the plan run out for dying people in Wales.

I have responded to the follow up questions raised by the Petitioner below.

Given the commitment in the Programme for Government 2021-2026 to prioritise end of life care, we would like to understand how much time each Welsh Government staff member gives to the end of life care agenda.

It is difficult to attribute exact percentages to staff working on the end of life care agenda as the three staff in question also support a number of the other major health conditions and their resources are deployed as needed. However, it should be noted that in addition to these three staff, the end of life care agenda will also receive support from a range of other Welsh Government sources including nursing advisors, primary care advisors, the Chief Allied Health Professional, social care staff, workforce staff and other clinical leads.

In addition, considering the recent increased capacity for end of life care in the NHS Collaborative, are we likely to see a corresponding increase in capacity within Welsh Government to allow for quicker implementation of the End of Life Care Programme?

The new national programme board for end of life care has responsibility for driving forward end of life care policy in Wales, including implementation of the recently published quality statement for palliative and end of life care. This is where the additional resource is needed and is why we have made the additional appointments within the NHS Collaborative referred to in my previous response to the Committee.

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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.

The end of life care agenda sits within the Quality and Nursing Directorate which is headed up by the Deputy Chief Medical Officer (DCMO) and the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO). Both the DCMO and CNO monitor the resources needed across all of their policy areas and move these resources to priority areas and those in need of additional support as and when required.

I hope this information is helpful to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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

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Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
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