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Dear Russell George MS,

Thank you for your request to give evidence at the Health and Social Care Committee on gynaecological cancer, and apologies for a delayed response.

After some discussion, we think that these questions fall outside RCEM's remit. Although gynaecological cancers may on occasion present to the Emergency Department, the management of these conditions is not usually handled by emergency medicine doctors, so we do not feel we are best placed to answer these questions.

These issues would better be addressed by colleagues in Gynaecology (how services are planned and provided), Public Health (why patients choose one route into healthcare over another) or Primary Care (why patients end up in the emergency department rather than being referred on Urgent Suspected Cancer pathway).

Once again thank you for asking for our assistance on such an important issue. We look forward to receiving future requests for evidence.

If you would like to discuss this further or any other matters, please do let us know. It would be great to meet to discuss pressures on emergency care more generally in Wales and possible solutions.

Yours sincerely,

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