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Judith Paget CBE

NHS Wales Chief Executive

Director General of Health and Social Services

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Dear Judith

Following the publication of the Welsh Government's plan for transforming and modernising planned care and reducing waiting lists in April 2022, the Health and Social Care Committee agreed to monitor progress towards the ambitions set out in the plan, and to publish termly monitoring reports as part of that.

On 17 April, the Committee considered and published its fifth monitoring report; previous reports are also published on our website. The statistics in the report are taken from the Welsh Government's NHS activity and performance summary for December 2023 and January 2024, and Stats Wales. They highlight significant variations in waiting times across different regions, suggesting differences in healthcare service capacity and efficiency. They also highlight the need for targeted interventions and resource allocation to tackle disparities in waiting times, as well as underscoring the need for health boards to collaborate regionally, by sharing best practices, resource and expertise, so that health boards can work together to ensure equitable access to healthcare services for all patients, regardless of geographic location.

On the basis of the above, the Committee would be grateful to receive information from the NHS Wales Executive in a number of areas, specifically:

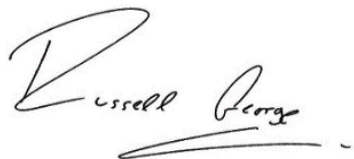
- how the Executive is facilitating regional working,
- how it is supporting health boards to address long waits in specific specialties and regions,



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- for specific financial information on how it is monitoring additional funding and resources allocated to healthcare services to expand capacity; and
- for statistics on the number of extra healthcare professionals that have been hired, and details of new equipment and facilities.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Russell George". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Russell George MS
Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

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