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Dear Mr Powell

I write in response to your letter dated 6th February 2013 regarding the petition you received from Rebecca Lowrie which raises concerns about the funding for sexual health services at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, specifically regarding clinic provision in the Western Vale. You have also asked whether the Health Board has any plans to remove the current clinic in Llantwit Major.

It may be helpful for you to be aware that the Health Board, in conjunction with Public Health Wales and the Community Health Council, is undertaking a comprehensive review of the provision of sexual health services across the Cardiff and Vale area, which includes community clinics as well as sexual health services provided by GP practices. The Health Board currently runs 24 community clinics across 12 different sites, a central sexual health clinic based in Cardiff Royal Infirmary and sexual health services in GP practices.

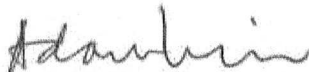
The aim of the review is to ensure that the Health Board delivers the most effective service possible for all patients who require access to sexual health services across the different localities, taking into consideration the needs of our patients, the type of services they require, the optimum frequency of clinics and the availability of staff, their skills and specific areas of expertise.

In relation to your specific questions, I can confirm that the Health Board has sufficient funding to deliver sexual health services for the population of Cardiff and Vale and at this time there are no plans in place to remove the clinic in Llantwit Major. However, if the review recommends any changes to the current configuration of the provision of sexual health services across Cardiff and Vale, which would support the Health Board in providing a better service to the local population as a whole, this will be progressed in partnership with the CHC.

The Health Board remains committed to providing sexual health services to all groups of patients who require access, including meeting the needs of children and young people, whilst delivering a high quality, safe and sustainable service.

I hope I have been able to provide you with an appropriate explanation in respect of your concerns. Should you have any further queries or concerns or require any further information on the review, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bernie Steer, Divisional Nurse, Children and Women's Division, by telephoning 029 2074 4787.

Yours sincerely



Adam Cairns
Chief Executive