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Public Health Wales

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Dear Tracey,

Committee inquiry into Cancer Services in Wales

Following a report by the Auditor General for Wales, the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee is conducting an inquiry into Cancer Services in Wales.

The Committee is interested in the work of the Unit and how it plays a role in informing Welsh cancer services. In particular, we would welcome further information on:


- What data is available comparing cancer mortality and survival outcomes in Wales to other UK nations and internationally – and for what is available, we would welcome a summary of comparable performance;
- What data is available on cancer stage at diagnosis to understand variation at lower super output level and below in Wales – and we would welcome a summary of what any available data shows;
- An update on the unit's work with the SAIL database to link cancer registry data to other relevant datasets to understand the impact of social and demographic factors (such as education and employment) on cancer incidence.

If there are any other issues you would wish to draw to the Committee's attention relating to cancer intelligence and surveillance then please feel free to do so.

The Committee looks forward to hearing from you. We would welcome a response by 23 April 2025, if feasible, to inform future work in this area.

I am copying this letter to Iain Bell, National Director for Public Health Knowledge and Research.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mark Isherwood', followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that extends to the right.

Mark Isherwood MS

Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.



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