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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1528
Ein cyf/Our ref JMHSC/01857/25

Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair
Petitions committee

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26 August 2025

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 10 July following the committee's consideration of petition P-06-1528: Prevent Powys patients who are treated in English hospitals from facing increased waiting times.

On 19 June, I announced an ambitious £120m plan to continue to drive down the longest waits for planned treatment in Wales this year. This is designed to eliminate two-year waits; reduce the overall waiting list by 200,000 and restore the maximum eight-week target for diagnostic tests by March 2026.

I have been clear about the need to improve waiting times for all people in Wales and to reduce the unacceptable variation which exists across Wales.

Powys Teaching Health Board has received a share of funding as part of this plan to treat patients within the county – this includes funding to provide more than 600 additional outpatient appointments and to eliminate the all waits of more than eight weeks for diagnostic tests. The health board will also benefit from additional non-emergency patient transport capacity, funded by the Welsh Government to support additional outpatient activity across Wales.

Powys residents who are being treated in hospitals in other Welsh health boards will also benefit from the £120m which is being shared across the other health boards. At the end of May, Powys residents accounted for 380 pathways waiting more than 52 weeks for a first outpatient appointment, and 58 pathways waiting more than two years across at other Welsh health boards.

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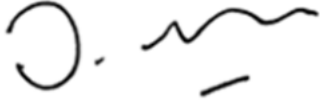
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

As a provider, Powys Teaching Health Board had no pathways waiting more than 52 weeks for a first outpatient appointment and no referral to treatment (RTT) pathways waiting more than two years at the end of May.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large 'J' followed by a series of wavy lines and a short horizontal stroke at the end.

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