



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1571
Ein cyf/Our ref JMHSC/00030/26

Carolyn Thomas MS
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Petitions Committee

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28 January 2026

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 6 January about Petition P-06-1571: The Welsh Government and Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board should put in a fully funded minor injury unit at Llangollen Health Centre.

The decision about where to locate minor injury units and other health services is for individual health boards. This is because health boards have the responsibility for planning and delivering healthcare services in line with the needs of their populations.

I have been clear in my expectation services must be safe, sustainable, and responsive to the needs of local populations, delivered in line with professional standards and clinical guidance. This includes robust planning around demand, capacity, workforce, and financial resources to ensure services are both effective and resilient.

I have also set clear expectations for improvement in emergency care in North Wales – standards are not where I, the public nor NHS staff expect or want it to be. People are spending too long waiting in emergency departments across the region, and this is impacting on their experience and outcomes.

The health board is receiving support from the Welsh Government, the Six Goals for Urgent and Emergency Care programme and NHS Performance and Improvement to make the necessary improvements to the quality and timeliness of its urgent and emergency care services and the experience of people accessing its services.

In November, I [announced an external team of experts](#) would be working alongside Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to provide support and to:

- Reduce ambulance handover delays and improving flow
- Reduce waiting times for planned treatment and diagnostic tests
- Improve waiting times for cancer diagnosis and treatment
- Further strengthening governance, assurance, and leadership capability.

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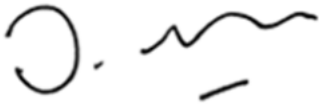
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care