

Y Pwyllgor Deisebau

Petitions Committee

Peter Fox MS,
Chair,
Health and Social Care Committee

16 March 2026

Dear Peter,

Petition P-06-1570 Introduce Martha's Law in Wales to guarantee patients' and families' right to a second opinion

The Petitions Committee met on 2 March and considered the above petition, submitted by Dylan Mark Owen.

The Committee noted that, although not called 'Martha's Rule', the Wales-specific Call4Concern follows the same principles and aims.

Members agreed to write to you as the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee and ask that the issue be highlighted in your legacy report, with a view to the successor Health Committee in the Seventh Senedd undertaking a review of the rollout of Call4Concern, after 12 months, including consulting not just health boards but also Llais: to see how complaints and escalations are handled, to check on how consistently it is being applied and the experience of patients and families, and assess what improvements have emerged as early learning.

The Committee was grateful to the petitioner for raising patient safety issues and helping highlight the rollout of the Call4Concern escalation system in Welsh hospitals, and agreed to close the petition.

The full details of the Committee's consideration of the petition, including the correspondence and the actions agreed by the Committee can be found here: [P-06-1570 Introduce Martha's Law in Wales to guarantee patients' and families' right to a second opinion](#)

I would be grateful if you could send any response by e-mail to the clerking team at petitions@senedd.wales.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letter 'C' being particularly large and stylized.

Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.