

P-03-150 National Cancer Standards - Correspondence from the petitioner to the clerking team, 07.06.2013

Hi Sian,

Just a quick comment on the Minister's response.

I think the Minister's response highlights the amount of work being progressed in many areas of Cancer Care. I think it is important that we recognise it is a work in progress and that tremendous progress has taken/is taking place with most of the issues raised and we have to celebrate successes and await the results of current initiatives. I have therefore kept my response brief.

The Government is well supported by major players in the voluntary sector eg. Macmillan and Tenovus but I would like to also acknowledge the work being undertaken by all the other cancer charities to support the government in providing patient centred cancer care.

Information /Public Health Wales (PHW)

It is my experience that Public Health Wales is involved with information on promoting screening and Healthy Lifestyles. It appears not to engage in any other information needs around cancer services. The Cancer Charities appear to be the main support of information provided.

Early detection/Improved access to GPs

I am pleased with the planned improved access to GP appointments. This was one of the barriers identified in an informal survey undertaken at one of Rhondda Cynon Taff's Open Days looking at what barriers might delay people visiting their GPs with symptoms indicative of Cancer.

I look forward to the response of the committee,

Best wishes,

Diane Raybould