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Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 24 April on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding Petition P-04-471 which calls on the Welsh Government to provide defibrillators in all Welsh public places.

I am grateful to you providing the supporting evidence which Mr Phil Hill collated for the petition. I have forwarded this to the relevant officials who lead on this matter.

The Welsh Government recognises the value of defibrillators in appropriate circumstances and the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) has introduced them into key public areas such as train stations, as well as carrying out resuscitation training for the public on their use.

On 8 May I launched *Together for Health – A Heart Disease Delivery Plan*. The Plan, which covers the period 2013-2016, is designed to minimise incidence of preventable heart disease and ensure that those affected by any kind of heart disease receive timely access to quality services. Delivery Theme 3: *Fast and Effective Care*, includes a priority for Local Health Boards, working with WAST and the British Heart Foundation, to review provision of defibrillators in public places and community first responders to ensure adequate provision and training.

Best wishes

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