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*Der William*

Thank you for your letter of 24 May regarding Hywel Dda Health Board's proposals for changes to services in Mid & West Wales.

As you are aware, Hywel Dda Community Health Council referred elements of the Health Board's proposals to me for determination on 19 April, including those relating to emergency care at Prince Philip Hospital and neonatal provision in the area.

I am minded to ask the Chief Medical Officer for Wales to convene an expert Scrutiny Panel to provide me with detailed advice and recommendations on the matters in question. Once I am satisfied I have all of the relevant evidence and appropriate advice on the issues referred, I will make final decisions, having considered matters thoroughly and carefully.

*Best wishes*  
*Mark*

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