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Dear Bill,

Thank you for your letter of 14 July.

The National Service Framework (NSF) for Older People is moving into the next phase of implementation through a series of 'Position Statement' papers. Following the 2009 audit by the Welsh Osteoporosis Advisory Group (WOAG), which showed an under provision of Fracture Liaison Services in Wales, the first substantive 'Position Statement' paper will address this issue.

The NSF Project Manager has been working closely with WOAG and the National Osteoporosis Society over the last few months. Another audit is underway so that the contemporary situation can be understood. It is anticipated that the 'Position Statement' paper, which will set out specific areas for action by the Health Boards across Wales, will be published in the Autumn.

A review of the NSF by Health Inspectorate for Wales and Care and Social Services Inspectorate for Wales is underway. This work has been delayed and it will be important for this to be published to support the next phase of the NSF.

Regards
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