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Dear Mr Powell

Following on from your question at FMQs last week and in the light of the petition you have received regarding the proposed Service Changes and reprovision of Cardigan Hospital as Chair of the Petitions Committee please find enclosed a copy of the letter I have sent to the Chair of Hywel Dda CHC including a fact sheet.

I would be happy to discuss in more detail if you would find it useful. Please contact my PA on the above number to arrange.

Yours Sincerely

Chris Martin
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Dear Tony

PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE AT CARDIGAN HOSPITAL – CLOSURE OF BEDS

Thank you for your letter dated 23 January 2014 and your request for the Health Board to undertake a formal consultation on the provision of in-patient beds at Cardigan Hospital.

The Health Board is fully cognisant of the framework relating to consultation, both in terms of the Welsh Government *Guidance for Engagement and Consultation on Changes to Health Services* (2011) (the Consultation Guidance) and the legal requirements established by case law.

You were part of the discussions at the Board Meeting held on 30 January 2014 where the decision was made that consultation on this issue was not appropriate. I will summarise the reasons for this below.

- The move of beds from within community hospitals into a mixed model outside of hospital was covered in our original consultation "Your Health; Your Future" (page 25 of the main consultation document). Our strategy was made clear in that exercise and the public was given the opportunity to comment. Whilst that consultation was not site specific, we have therefore already consulted on our strategic direction and the changes this would lead to.
- Notwithstanding this, consultation is required for substantial service change. This decision we do not believe constitutes such a change. The closure of a small number of beds (8 in total; with only 4 currently open) on a site that is clinically (and environmentally) unsuitable for patients and their reprovision elsewhere does not, we believe, constitute substantial or significant service change.

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