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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding Petition P-04-564 – The Restoration of Inpatient Beds, Minor Injuries Cover and X Ray Unit to the Ffestiniog Memorial Hospital

Firstly, I would like to assure the Committee that I do understand how strongly people feel about their local health services. However, the changes that are happening to health services in the Blaenau Ffestiniog area were agreed between the Health Board and local Community Health Council, following a formal engagement and consultation process.

This was in accordance with the requirements of the *'Guidance for Engagement and Consultation on Changes to Health Services'*, which advises Health Boards on the conduct of engagement and consultation with citizens, on changes to health services.

I was not asked to consider the Health Board's proposals and am clear that I will not reopen any matters which have been agreed locally. The design and implementation of the plans for the new Centre are therefore a matter for local determination, although I have asked my officials to do all they can to ensure this new and much needed facility comes to fruition for the people of Blaenau Ffestiniog as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

Mark

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