

P-04-494 Robotic assisted laparoscopic prostatectomy must be made available to men in Wales now – Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Clerking Team, 29.10.14

Dear Kathryn,

Thank you for this latest response. I have the following comments and would appreciate further feedback in due course.

1. I thank the Minister for acknowledging my letter and confirming that he has read it. I am pleased that he feels it is emotive and I am sure a significant number of Welsh men feel the same.

2. I am delighted that the Da Vinci Robotic system has been installed and that a number of Welsh men are at last benefiting from it. Can the committee confirm that the second consul for teaching is in place also as this is essential for future development of healthcare professionals. I understand that Mr Ed Rowe from Bristol is mentoring Cardiff based surgeons. This is welcome news also.

3. The petition has signatures from every constituency in Wales. Can the committee please confirm that men from all of Wales will be able to access this facility?

4. Can the committee conform that there will not be an inter-health board tariff applied for patients who are not in the C&VUHB catchment area. Clearly, this **MUST** be an all Wales facility if it is and is seen to be universally accessible. Comment from the committee please.

I very much look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind Regards Kevin

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