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*Dear William,*

Thank you for your letter of 28 October on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding Petition P-04-608 asking for a comprehensive inquiry into the Welsh NHS.

Patient safety and care quality is of paramount importance. The majority of people in Wales receive excellent care from the NHS in Wales and its caring, dedicated workforce and are very satisfied with their overall experience. The Welsh NHS is the most closely inspected and scrutinised health service of all the four nations in the UK, with more bodies charged with ensuring that quality and safety standards are maintained for patients.

Where problems are identified or concerns are raised, the NHS and the Welsh Government will, and has, intervened and taken action when there is a need to do so. The Welsh Government remains firmly of the view that the need to ensure action is part of a continuous monitoring and learning process, without the need to resort to inquiries which would undoubtedly take resources away from direct patient care.

*Best wishes,*

*Mark*

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