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Dear William,

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding Petition P-04-560 - The Secondary Provision of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Services in Wales.

I note the view expressed by the South Wales IBD Patient Panel that improvements in IBD would be best taken forward through a Gastroenterology Delivery Plan. However, it is not possible for the Welsh Government to produce a delivery plan for every health condition.

We have in place robust service standards for the delivery of IBD services in Wales, and take part in the UK IBD audit to monitor services against these standards. As the petitioners have acknowledged, the latest round of the audit showed continued improvement. It also showed Welsh patients were more satisfied with their inpatient experience than elsewhere in the UK.

We do expect health boards to take account of the audit findings and improve services where necessary. Where improvement is not made, action will be taken through our performance management arrangements.

Best wishes,

Mark,

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