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Dear Mr Powell

Petitions:

P-04-466 Medical Emergency – Preventing the Introduction of a Poorer Health Service for North Wales

P-04-479 Tywyn Memorial Hospital X-ray & Minor Injuries Unit Petition

Thank you for your letter of October 2014 enclosing further correspondence from the Petitioner regarding Tywyn Memorial Hospital.

The closure of the Minor Injuries Unit at weekends during winter months has not been overlooked. The previous correspondence appeared to focus on the overnight service, which formed the main basis of my previous response. For completeness, I can confirm that the proposals for changes to the overall hours of the unit – overnight and winter weekends – were put forward because of the increasing challenges in maintaining staffing in the smaller Minor Injuries Units, coupled with a very low level demand and the potential risk of loss of clinical skills because of the very small number of patients seen.

The closure at weekends was part of the formal consultation held in 2012 and confirmed by the Board at the meeting held on 18 January 2013. The decision was reaffirmed as part of the local resolution reached with the Community Health Council.

I acknowledge that there have been concerns in the Tywyn area regarding these changes and have previously noted the opportunity to improve services offered by the redevelopment of the Hospital.

Since my previous response, the report of the Mid Wales Healthcare Study, to which I referred, has been published. We welcome the publication and acknowledge the issues raised, and will be working with colleagues in Hywel Dda and Powys Health Boards on future service development and delivery.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive