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Dear Nesta

Safe Nurse Staffing Level (Wales) Bill

Further to your email of 5 March 2015 please see below the responses from Cardiff and Vale UHB to the questions you have raised:

- 1. Whether standard contracts are used for such arrangements:**
 - We use standard contracts with nursing homes.
 - C&V UHB is currently in the process of moving to a framework for the contracting of nursing home care but this is not currently in place
 - The framework will move to a structured pricing framework and is based on an outcomes-focussed service specification.

- 2. How health boards monitor compliance with the contracts/agreements that are in place for the delivery of care they have commissioned:**
 - Currently nurse assessors go to homes where patients are placed and will monitor the care being provided to patients, this includes appropriate staffing and quality of care for the patients who are funded by health
 - The health board takes clinical responsibility for the care that is commissioned from a health perspective
 - The local authorities lead on the overall commissioning of nursing homes and routinely check standards and staffing levels in home
 - CSSIW routinely inspect homes and the health board only places patients in approved facilities
 - If concerns are raised about standards or staffing in care homes, then the UHB will support and input to any investigation led by the local authority of facilities where health patients are placed.
 - The new framework will include pass/fail criteria for homes to be used for the placement of CHC patients
 - It will include the minimum standards required and include the requirement for site visits to check standards

- These site visits will be undertaken by clinical staff from the Primary, Community and Intermediate Care Clinical Board, Mental Health Clinical Board and Children and Women Clinical Board.
3. **An indication of health boards' views on the inclusion of such a provision in the Bill:**
- The UHB welcomes improvements and inclusions in legislation to improve the quality and safety of care provided to patients
 - However the inclusion of this provision in the bill should be mindful that it is not used as rationale to increase the cost of care.

Yours sincerely



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