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Dear Mr Powell

RE: P-04-532 - Improving Specialised Neuromuscular Services in Wales

Thank you for your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> November inviting further views on how the benefits of providing additional neuromuscular consultant time can be realised. We provided an initial response in May 2015 and have now considered your follow-up request.

A detailed assessment would need to be undertaken to determine whether or not the appointment of a consultant in adult neuromuscular disease would be the best way forward. However existing Consultants specialising in neuromuscular disease can provide leadership within multidisciplinary teams and focus on education and support for partners as well as leading the development and implementation of care pathways. This approach is seen to have benefits and is supported locally.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute our views.

Yours sincerely

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