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Mr William Powell AC/AM Chair Petitions Committee National Assembly for Wales Cardiff Bay Cardiff CF99 1NA

Dear

Chair,

## P-04-663 Food In Welsh Hospitals

Thank you for sharing "Petition P-04- Food in Welsh Hospitals" for which I am happy to provide some assurance of our high standard of nutrition, hydration and catering in Powys Teaching Health Board.

We have strong recognition of the importance of meeting individual patients needs with regards to nutrition and hydration as part of the patient care package and aiding a speedy recovery. This can be attributed not only to the flexible catering delivery system and our commitment to meeting our patients specific needs but also our adoption of protected mealtimes and the patient centred approach we are able to provide in our community hospitals.

Our standards of nutrition, hydration and catering are closely monitored by our Nutrition, Hydration and Catering Steering Group. The steering group is led by the Head of Facilities and supported by a senior multi-disciplinary team consisting of dietetic, speech and language and nursing professionals. The steering group's structure and progress made to date has received positive feedback in the latest Wales Audit Office report and aids in ensuring that Nutrition and Hydration standards and Catering provision remains high within Powys.

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 all staff (other than those undertaking essential clinical work, participate in the meal time experience and are available to support patients as required

I hope that this provides assurance of our nutrition, hydration and catering service. If you have any further queries or indeed would like to visit one of our sites please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to arrange.

Yours Sincerely

**Carol Shillabeer** 

**Chief Executive Officer**