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Nick Ramsay, AM
Chair
Public Accounts Committee

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Dear Mr Ramsay AM

Wider issues emanating from the governance review of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Thank-you for your letter dated 23 September raising the Committee queries and concerns with regard to the Welsh Government response to the previous Committee's report on 'Wider issues emanating from the governance review of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board'.

With regard to recommendation four, Welsh Government has now issued the reminder to health boards about sharing outcomes with us of all work commissioned as a result of serious concerns arising from complaints. We will also commit to sharing the outcomes where appropriate with other health boards to promote learning within the NHS. We will also provide the committee with (six monthly) progress reports on the review of Putting Things Right guidance and will forward the first update week commencing 28 November, 2016.

On your request in relation to recommendation 25, I understand that Dr Chamberlain has responded to you directly on the current involvement of lay reviewers in HIW inspection plans. HIW has commissioned a review of the change to take place early next financial year and we will be seeking an update from HIW, following completion of this review, that the benefits of closer working and moving to voluntary lay assessors are being realised including widening the pool and sustainability.

I look forward to attending the Committee on 7 November to discuss progress on the Welsh Government accepted recommendations and other health related matters you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Goodall', written in a cursive style.

Dr Andrew Goodall