



Eich cyf/Your ref P-05-1001
Ein cyf/Our ref VG/05263/20

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21 September 2020

Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 27 July on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding an independent inquiry into the choice of site for the proposed new Velindre Cancer Centre.

The scheme for a new Cancer Hospital in Whitchurch is one of only three schemes that is being progressed through the revenue funded, Mutual Investment Model. The need for a new Cancer Hospital for the population of South East Wales has been a recognised priority for a number of years and was a manifesto commitment for the Government.

Outline Business Cases (OBCs) have been submitted to the Welsh Government by Velindre University NHS Trust for the new Cancer Hospital and the associated enabling works for the scheme. The OBCs are being scrutinised by my officials and formal advice will be provided for me to make the decision on these business cases in due course. I cannot therefore comment at the current time on the specific issues that have been raised, as this would prejudice any later recommendations that are made to me.

The detailed scrutiny will include all aspects of both OBCs. This will include an assessment of the clinical model and the related points in your letter about the proposed location from a clinical perspective. The Chief Medical Officer has discussed the clinical model with Velindre NHS Trust and recommended the Trust secures independent advice to inform the business case and its scrutiny.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'g'.

Vaughan Gething AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
Minister for Health and Social Services