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Janet Finch-Saunders AS/MS
Chair
Welsh Parliament Petitions Committee
Welsh Parliament
Cardiff Bay
CF99 1SN

Annwyl / Dear Ms Finch-Saunders

PETITIONS:

P-05-1001 Hold an Independent inquiry into the choice of site for the proposed new Velindre Cancer Centre

P-05-1018 Support for the current proposed plans to build a new Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff, in any future inquiry

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above petitions concerning the new Velindre Cancer Centre in Cardiff. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

Powys Teaching Health Board is supportive of the Transforming Cancer Services Programme including the model of care proposed for the new hospital. We have no objections to the choice of hospital site for the new Velindre Cancer Centre.

At the time of the completion of the business case for the new hospital, a Collaborative Commissioning process was developed across health boards in the region that delivered positive commissioner support for the new hospital in 2018. It should be noted that a comprehensive process of clinically led discussions and engagement was conducted across the region to develop the Transforming Cancer Services Programme and the detail of the clinical model outlined within the case for investment for the new hospital. We were not made aware of any clinical concerns in 2018 regarding the proposed clinical model, and the commissioner scrutiny process was predominantly designed to

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review and agree the planning and financial assumptions contained within the case to deliver the agreed clinical model.

We do understand that there is now concern about the proposed Acute Oncology model and the provision of urgent and emergency care particularly in relation to the following:

- Ambulatory acute oncology assessment and facilities for treatment
- CAR- T therapy co-dependency and access to critical care support.
- Immunotherapy patients access to critical care support.
- Access to Interventional Radiology – resulting in transfer of patients to acute sites.

In light of the rapid developments in cancer care together with rapid changes in ambulatory care, we welcome the external review of the clinical model by the Nuffield Trust to inform the final design of the cancer facility in Cardiff. We welcome the opportunity to contribute to this review as a commissioner of the service in partnership with other health boards across the region.

Yn Gywir / Yours sincerely



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