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Senedd Cymru  
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Dear Mr Sargeant

### **Petition P-06-1242 Improve Endometriosis Healthcare in Wales**

Thank you for your letter of the 3 March 2022 informing us that the Petitions Committee is considering the above Petition.

In response to your request about specific action being taken within Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board to address the issues raised in the petition regarding endometriosis healthcare, please see attached.

If there is any further information you require please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely

**Paul Mears**  
**Prif Weithredwr/Chief Executive**

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Croeso i chi gyfathrebu â'r bwrdd iechyd yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Byddwn yn ymateb yn yr un iaith a ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi.

You are welcome to correspond with the health board in Welsh or English. We will respond accordingly and this will not delay the response.

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	<b>IMPROVING ENDOMETRIOSIS HEALTHCARE IN CWM TAF MORGANNWG UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD</b>
<b>Situation</b>	<p>Significant investment and development to the service for women diagnosed with endometriosis within the last 12 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New appointment to Endometriosis Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) started in service end of January 2022</li><li>• Bridgend ILG has appointed a Clinical Lead for Endometriosis</li><li>• Merthyr Cynon/Rhondda Taff Ely are in the progress of appointing a Clinical Lead</li><li>• Direct contact via Email to Endometriosis CNS for women to access clinical support</li><li>• Forging links with the wider MDT – i.e, dieticians, physiotherapists, pain management teams, bowel and urology specialist nurses to enhance the provision of care for women with endometriosis</li></ul>
<b>Background</b>	<p>NICE and RCOG recommendations clearly established gold standard care. Gap analysis suggested these standards would be difficult to implement within CTMUHB without further investment.</p> <p>Women’s Health Implementation Group within Welsh Government successfully accessed funding for CNS in each health board (0.6 WTE in Merthyr Cynon locality, 0.6 WTE Bridgend locality)</p>
<b>Assessment</b>	<p>Current key objectives 2022-2023:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Currently improving the pathway for women to be referred into the service easily and to minimise delay</li><li>2. Enhancing the full multi-disciplinary approach to care provision</li><li>3. The development of a Standard Operating Procedure for the Endometriosis service</li><li>4. Improving the audit of care within the speciality and driving improvement</li><li>5. Research opportunity within the speciality</li></ol>

	6. Patient feed-back being requested via Social Media and analysed 7. Co-producing the referral pathways with woman within our communities 8. Full assurance and reporting within the Clinical Service Group governance process
<b>Recommendations</b>	Future development plans 2023 onwards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To continue to expand the Endometriosis service</li> <li>• To progress to Nurse Led Services and Clinics</li> <li>• To ensure sustainability of all services</li> <li>• Raising awareness and training for all clinicians –comprehensive training and education for all health board gynaecologists and nurses within gynaecology</li> <li>• Improving links with primary care colleagues</li> <li>• Development of referral protocols with the local Specialist Endometriosis Centre</li> </ul>

15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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