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Dear Mr Sargeant

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

Thank you for your letter regarding this petition that is currently being considered by the petitions committee for Welsh Government, alongside correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services.

Cardiff and Vale University Health board (UHB) currently run a dedicated care endometriosis service within the department of obstetrics and gynaecology. Whilst the service primarily delivers clinical care for women living within Cardiff and Vale, we do also accept some tertiary referrals for non-Cardiff and Vale residents from neighbouring health boards. There is no funded tertiary care service for endometriosis within south Wales.

The endometriosis team within Cardiff and Vale UHB consists of 2 consultant gynaecologists with nurse practitioner support (1.5 whole time equivalent). The dedicated endometriosis service runs 1.5 clinics per week. In addition, there are dedicated operating lists for the service, which since the COVID 19 pandemic have been reduced to 3 all day operating lists per month. As part of our COVID recovery plan, the health board aims to increase access to operating theatre time for the endometriosis service to pre-pandemic levels by the end of 2022. There is funded consultant colo-rectal surgical support for the endometriosis service when it is required.

However, provision of a comprehensive endometriosis service is a priority for Cardiff and Vale UHB and funding for a holistic service, to include psychology, counselling and pain management is being explored by the Clinical Board for Children and Women's services. The service is being developed iteratively to align with available resources. The business case to underpin this development is anticipated to be completed within this financial year (2022/3)

Please let me know if you require any additional information to enable your consideration of the above petition.

Yours sincerely



**Suzanne Rankin**  
**Chief Executive**