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Russell George MS
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Health and Social Care Committee

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Dear Russell,

I am writing to update the Health and Social Care Committee about the action taken by the Welsh Government in response to the recommendations made by the committee following its general scrutiny session held with the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST).

As set out in my oral statement and the technical briefing on 26 November, we have established a national group to review the appropriateness of emergency ambulance response measures and associated targets. It will focus on the quality and safety of the service, in the context of our NHS Wales Health and Care Quality Standards and NHS Wales Performance Framework.

The group will rapidly review the available clinical evidence and provide advice about:

- The appropriateness of the existing national target as an enabler for quality outcomes in the context of UK and internationally available clinical evidence
- Whether the broader performance framework for ambulance services is in keeping with the NHS Wales Health and Care Quality Standards
- Whether recommendations are required for new targets or measures based on what matters most to the public and the available clinical evidence.

The group is predominantly made up of clinical experts in the field of pre-hospital emergency care and ambulance response. The membership is as follows:

Jeremy Griffith (Chair)	Director of Operations, Health Social Care and Early Years, Welsh Government
Stacey Taylor	Chief Commissioner (Interim), NHS Wales, Joint Commissioning Committee
Ross Whitehead	Director for Commissioning Ambulance and 111, Joint Commissioning Committee
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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.

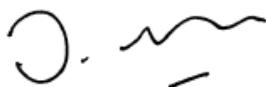
Liam Williams	Executive Director of Quality and Nursing, Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust
Andy Swinburn	Executive Director of Paramedicine, Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust
Rachel Marsh	Executive Director of Strategy, Planning and Performance, Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust
Richard Bowen	National Director for the Six Goals for Urgent and Emergency Care Programme
Dr Tim Rogerson	Six Goals for Urgent and Emergency Care Programme National Emergency Care Clinical Lead/Emergency Department Consultant, Grange University Hospital
Jennifer Winslade	Executive Director of Nursing, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
Dr Anna Kuczynska	Senior Medical Officer for Primary Care and Mental Health, Welsh Government
Ryan Pike	Head of Hospital Statistics, Knowledge and Analytical Services, Welsh Government
Aled Brown	Head of Emergency Care, Welsh Government
Febe Ashley	Urgent and Emergency Care Senior Policy Manager, Welsh Government

The group will seek views from a series of expert witnesses, including Llais and third sector organisations, to ensure the public and patient voice is considered. National clinical experts for stroke, respiratory and cardiac conditions will also contribute.

It is intended this work will be undertaken in context of the ongoing evolution of the ambulance service's clinical response model, aligning with another of the committee's recommendations about the introduction of clinical intervention and assessment earlier in a person's journey.

I will update the committee as this work progresses.

Yours sincerely,



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