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Dear Ms Marshall

Petitions Committee – MS Nurses

Further to the letter received from William Powell AM, Chair of the Petitions Committee in relation to the Petitions Committee's consideration of petition P-04-342 relating to MS Nurses, I should be grateful if you would find below, as requested, a comment from Aneurin Bevan Health Board. I apologise for the delay in forwarding these comments to you.

Aneurin Bevan Health Board in partnership with the other Mid and South Wales Health Boards, in response to the Axford Report recommendations relating to support for patients with acquired neurological and spinal injuries, have developed an integrated community rehabilitation service model. Aneurin Bevan Health Board is currently reviewing its existing provisions and will redesign services, where appropriate, to align with the new model. With specific regard to MS nurse provision the Aneurin Bevan Health Board currently employs three MS Clinical Nurse Specialists. These specialist nurses work closely with other health professionals to support MS patients in our community.

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Aneurin Bevan Health Board is the operational name of Aneurin Bevan Local Health Board

I hope the above information is helpful to the consideration of this matter by the Committee. However, should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Richard Bevan, Board Secretary.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Goodall', written in a cursive style.

Dr Andrew Goodall
Prif Weithredwr/Chief Executive

**Y Pwyllgor Deisebau
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Dear Mr Goodall

P-04-342 MS Nurses

The Petitions Committee considered the following petition during its meeting of 15 November:

'We, the undersigned, believe that MS specialist nurses provide a vital service for people living with MS and their families and should be protected from Health Board cuts. We therefore call on the Welsh Government to ensure that the numbers of MS specialist nurses are not reduced over the length of the Fourth Assembly and that investment continues to provide 1 nurse for every 300 people living with MS.'

The Petitions Committee agreed to write to all Local Health Boards to enquire about their budgeting for the future provision of MS specialist nurses.

I'd be grateful if you could forward this information to the Petitions Committee Deputy Clerk at sarita.marshall@wales.gov.uk at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Yours sincerely,

William Powell

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