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Wider issues emanating from the governance review of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Dear Dr Chamberlain,

Thank you for your contribution which was included in the Welsh Government's response to the previous Committee's report on *Wider issues emanating from the governance review of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board*. The Committee considered this response at its meeting on 19 September, and raised the following concern.

In response to recommendation twenty five and the use of volunteer lay inspectors as part of future inspection regimes, the Committee noted that neither HIW nor the Welsh Government accepted this recommendation. Whilst the reasons for the non-acceptance were noted, the Committee remains concerned that the approach now being adopted will restrict HIW's access to lay inspectors that have the necessary skills to undertake the inspection work required. The Committee would therefore welcome some further commentary from yourself on whether the benefits envisaged from the new approach are in fact being achieved in practice. Namely that HIW does now have access to a wider pool of lay inspectors, including those who are in employment, and that the inspectors in the pool have the necessary skills and experience to undertake the HIW work that is required. In providing this update, it would be helpful to know the extent to which the pool of lay inspectors that HIW has access to has increased, and to receive some



information on the make-up of the pool in terms of where the lay inspectors are drawn from.

The Committee noted that in its response to this recommendation, the Welsh Government will be seeking a view from HIW on whether the intended benefits in relation to the use of lay inspectors are being achieved. I have therefore also written to Dr Andrew Goodall on this point.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Ramsay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Nick Ramsay AM
Chair

