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

Dear Dr Goodall,

Thank you for your correspondence detailing 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 queries and concerns.

1. In response to recommendation four, the Committee feels that there are opportunities for health boards to share outcomes of commissioned work with other health boards and not just the Welsh Government to help develop an information sharing environment that promotes learning within the NHS. The Committee would welcome your further comments on the response to this recommendation and also requests that you submit regular (six-monthly) progress reports on the review of Putting Things Right guidance and how that is being received and implemented by health boards.
2. Regarding recommendation twenty five and the use of volunteer lay inspectors being used as part of future inspection regimes, the Committee noted that neither the Welsh Government nor HIW accepted this recommendation. Whilst the reasons for the non-acceptance were noted, the Committee remains concerned that HIW's proposed approach will restrict



access to lay inspectors with the necessary skill sets to undertake the required inspection work. I have written to Dr Chamberlain requesting an update on the extent to which the intended benefits of the new approach to accessing lay inspectors are being achieved in practice. I note from the Welsh Government's response that it also intended to seek similar assurances from HIW, and the Committee would therefore welcome your further comments on this point.

I am aware that you are attending Committee on 7 November on a number of health related matters and am sure this issue may also be raised during that session.

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

