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Dear Mike,

Thank you for your letter dated 2 November, to the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport regarding Petition P-05-724 Rights to Primary Health Care in Welsh. It has been passed to me to respond.

I am already aware of this petition as it was submitted as part of Cymdeithas yr Iaith's response to the consultation on draft Regulations to specify Welsh Language Standards for the health sector. Amongst other issues the consultation asked for views on the proposed new standards for primary care, to be placed on the health boards, in response to the Welsh Language Commissioner's conclusion that '*...primary care services provider must be subject to the Welsh language standards under the same statutory framework as the health organisations that were subject to this standards investigation...*'.

Now that the consultation has closed I will consider all the responses along with the petition from Cymdeithas yr Iaith before laying draft Regulations for the Assembly to consider. Mainstreaming Welsh language services into the health sector is challenging however I am committed to moving this process forward and securing more opportunities for Welsh speakers to engage with the health sector in Welsh.

Yours cord  
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