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Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter of 21 March regarding a petition from Ysgol Caer Drewyn about the reinstatement of the mobile dental unit which serves the Bala-Wrexham area.

My officials wrote to Ysgol Caer Drewyn on 13 January and explained that the clinical dental service to the school had to be temporarily suspended because the ageing mobile unit being used was no longer in working order. The Community Dental Service will, however, continue to deliver the Designed to Smile oral health programme to the school.

I understand Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board has the necessary resources and is planning to reintroduce the service in 2017-18. The procurement process for a replacement mobile dental unit will commence as soon as possible but may take a little time to complete due to the specialist nature of the facility.

Alternative NHS dental care provided by the Community Dental Service is available in Corwen and Dolgellau. In the longer term, the health board has plans to create two dental surgeries within the Corwen Health Centre to cater for patients, both adults and children, from the locality.

Yours sincerely,

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