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Dear Mr Hedges

PETITION P-04-682 ROUTINE SCREENING FOR TYPE 1 DIABETES IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Further to your letter dated 23rd February 2017, I am writing to confirm the position on behalf of ABM University Health Board, following advice from the Health Board's Diabetes Planning & Delivery Group (DPDG).

In your letter, you request information in relation to the Health Boards diagnosis and referral pathways for Type 1 Diabetes and Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) in children and young people, and I hope the following information will address that request.

I can confirm that GPs are expected to follow the NICE guidelines, and refer children and young people with suspected type 1 diabetes immediately (on the same day) to a multidisciplinary paediatric diabetes team with the competencies needed to confirm diagnosis and to provide immediate care. The NICE guidelines specify the following:

Be aware that the characteristics of type 1 diabetes in children and young people include:

- Hyperglycaemia (random plasma glucose more than 11 mmol/litre)
- Polyuria
- Polydipsia
- Weight loss
- Excessive tiredness

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Whilst there are no separate/additional primary care referral guidelines specifically for ABMU Health Board, steps are taken to raise awareness within Primary Care. Arrangements do vary across the Health Board, however when delayed diagnosis or delayed referrals are received this is communicated back to GPs, and they are asked to reflect on those cases and discuss them to ensure lessons are learnt.

Once admitted, the all Wales DKA integrated care pathway is followed (if the patient is in DKA) or the all Wales new diagnosis of type 1 diabetes guidelines for all new patients in both the Princess of Wales Hospital and Morriston Hospital.

Yours sincerely



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