



Our ref: MA/VG/1623/17

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National Assembly for Wales
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Dear Mr Ramsay

**LETTER RE: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE HOSPITAL CATERING AND PATIENT
NUTRITION REPORT
JUNE 2017**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 8 June 2017.

With reference to your specific points:

Recommendation 1: It is not clear if the standing agenda item, for patient feedback on meals applies to the All-Wales Menu Framework Strategic Monitoring and Evaluation Group or to the annual joint meeting with the Nutrition and Catering Group.

Patient feedback on meals will be a standing item on the agenda at the joint meeting between the All-Wales Menu Framework Strategic Monitoring and Evaluation Group and the All-Wales Nutrition and Catering Group. This is to ensure cross reference between the work on menus and nutrition and catering.

Recommendation 4: Did the stakeholder event scheduled for 19 May 2017 take place and if so what was its purpose?

The stakeholder event took place on the 19 May with representatives from all health boards and NHS Trusts in Wales. The purpose was to share with attendees the work plan for the nurse e-documentation programme and to understand technical requirements of nursing documentation and information flow based on feedback received from a broad spectrum of nursing users.

Recommendation 5: We acknowledge the 'WIDI' initiative but are concerned that your response does not address the substantive point of our recommendation regarding reviewing workforce planning arrangements within NWIS.

While NWIS has not conducted a comprehensive review of its entire workforce planning arrangements it has put in place extended planning and recruitment timetables in order



to fill technical posts. Competition for technical staff is high across sectors therefore NWIS works with NHS organisations to identify early the type of technical posts needed for the future. As a recent example NWIS has worked with health boards and NHS trusts to identify and recruit to a new technical architect role for the e-documentation programme with priority given to nurse documentation.

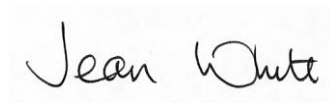
Recommendation 6: We welcome the intention to work with health boards to examine compulsory training for nutrition but wish to see a timescales for undertaking and concluding this work.

This work will be completed in the 2017/2018 year and therefore the deadline for the completion of the work is March 2018.

Recommendation 9: we are concerned that little or no progress has been made on this issue and request that the Welsh Government gives this issue utmost priority.

This issue is being given priority and a report on progress will be provided to the Public Accounts Committee by 30 September 2017.

Yours sincerely



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