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Mr David J Rowlands AC/AM
Chair
National Assembly for Wales Petitions Committee
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Mr Rowlands

Petition P-04-682 Routine Screening for Type 1 Diabetes in Children and Young People

Thank you for your letter dated 4th August 2017 in which you request further information from Powys Teaching Health Board on the following issues:

- The policy of the Health Board in relation to point of care blood glucose testing in primary care settings, including quality assurance and governance arrangements;
- The availability of blood glucose testing equipment in GP practices and other primary care settings, and data in relation to the number of tests carried out and in what circumstances;
- The arrangements in place to ensure effective dialogue between primary and secondary care. For example the policy in relation to carrying out case reviews in cases of delayed diagnosis of type 1 (such as when a child presents in DKA).

The responses to these questions are as follows:

- **Powys Teaching Health Board does not have a policy for point of care blood glucose testing in primary care.** However, the Diabetes Specialist Nurses have provided training as part of the Link Nurse programme, which includes nurses from all areas in Powys, on the

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importance of quality control of blood glucose monitors and ketone monitoring, in line with the policy which has been developed for the Powys Teaching Health Board community hospitals (currently under review).

- Blood glucose testing equipment is available in all GP practices. Powys Teaching Health Board does not have data relating to the number of tests carried out and in what circumstances.
- Powys Teaching Health Board dealt with a complaint in relation to a diagnosis of a child with Type 1 diabetes, which was also heard as a patient story at one of the health board's Board meetings. As a result, a specific action plan is in place to include a learning event for all GPs in Powys. The GP CPD coordinators will consider the inclusion of case reviews in the protected learning time events.

A pathway review was part of work commissioned by the Petitions Committee and undertaken by Diabetes UK. In addition, effective dialogue between primary/secondary care has been discussed at our recent Medical and Dental Education Committee (on 10th August) and with the Women and Children's Team.

The Women and Children's Directorate is exploring the development of a team based learning approach for conditions such as type 1 Diabetes and Addison's disease, which are rare presentations and need to be identified and managed urgently within a much larger volume of self-limiting illness in primary and community care.

The Powys Teaching Health Board Diabetes Plan identifies the need to monitor more closely the quality of the care provision in secondary care. One action from this is the formulation of a questionnaire and accompanying letter for all the relevant areas. This falls in line with the criteria measured in the annual National Paediatric Diabetes Audit.

I hope this is helpful. Do let me know if I can provide any further information.

Yours sincerely



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