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Dr Dai Lloyd AM
Chair
Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

19 December 2017

Dear Dai,

The Committee inquiry into medical recruitment and subsequent report included the recommendation:

“The Welsh Government should provide an update to the Committee by the end of 2017 (and annually thereafter) on the impact of the GP Incentive Scheme, and examine and undertake work to identify potential options for other financial or similar incentive schemes to attract and retain potential and practicing doctors” (recommendation 12).

I accepted this recommendation in my response to the report in August.

I issued a written statement on 20 November providing an update on the Train Work Live campaign and associated fill rates for GP training in Wales. The statement can be accessed via the link below:

<http://gov.wales/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2017/gptrainingupdate/?lang=en>

In addition to the information provided in the statement, the following table shows the GP training fill rates across the five training areas covered by the targeted incentive scheme, including the figures for 2017 – i.e. since the launch of the Train Work Live campaign and the introduction of the incentive based approach.

Training Scheme	Number of Training Places	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Abersytwyth	6	33%	50%	0%	17%	100%
Dyffryn Clwyd	8	50%	50%	50%	100%	50%
Pembrokeshire	6	100%	67%	33%	0%	100%
Wrexham	8	88%	63%	50%	88%	112%
Bangor	8	100%	63%	100%	63%	150%

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The table shows a marked improvement in four of the five incentivised areas. My officials, working with the Wales Deanery, will continue to closely monitor the position in the Dyffryn Clwyd training area as recruitment into the 2018 cohort progresses.

I will continue to provide the Committee with an annual update on the impact of the incentive schemes, in line with the Committees recommendation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'V' and a long, trailing 'g'.

Vaughan Gething AC/AM

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Iechyd, Llesiant a Chwaraeon
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