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Ein cyf/Our ref VG/00213/18

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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 19 January on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding Petition P-04-564 Restoration of in-patient beds, Minor Injuries Cover and X Ray Unit to Ffestiniog Memorial Hospital.

I note the summary report and conclusions of the committee.

I was very pleased to officially open Canolfan Goffa Ffestiniog in Blaenau Ffestiniog on 30 November 2017 which was built with capital funding of £3.9million from the Welsh Government. The new centre is an exciting development, which delivers a range of additional health, social care, wellbeing and prevention services for the local community.

As required by projects which have been financed through the NHS All Wales Capital Finance programme, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board will undertake a post project evaluation of the new centre by the end of 2018. This will assess the benefits and results to the local population achieved by the development. In addition, the health board will continue to make the centre available to additional services where requested, and the expectation is that services will evolve and develop over time in line with improving population health and its 'Care Closer to Home' strategy.

I am aware that the health board has responded to the recommendations of the Gwynedd Scrutiny Committee from September 2017 about healthcare in the Ffestiniog area and has confirmed it is committed to working with its partners and stakeholders in the area. I understand that further discussions took place at the council's Care Scrutiny Committee meeting on 30 January.

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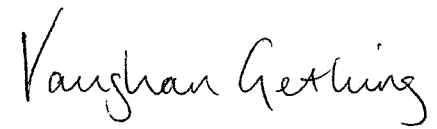
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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