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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 4 June on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding Petition P-05-812 which calls on the Welsh Government to encourage trusts to implement National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidelines for Borderline Personality Disorder or justify why they do not do so.

We believe everybody should receive a comprehensive package of the best, cost-effective, evidence-based NHS treatment and care to meet their clinical needs. We expect local health boards and trusts to take full account of NICE Clinical Guidelines when making clinical decisions, as they are developed based on the best available evidence. My role is to set the strategic direction for health services and hold the NHS to account.

Last year the National Psychological Therapies Management Committee (NPTMC) supported by Public Health Wales published *Matrics Cymru* which is guidance for delivering evidence based psychological therapies in Wales. This structured guide assists the planning and delivering of evidence-based psychological therapies within mental health services and aims to support greater quality and consistency in the delivery of psychological therapy across Wales. The NPTMC has also produced an action plan to assist health boards to assess their current position against *Matrics Cymru* in order to make improvements locally.

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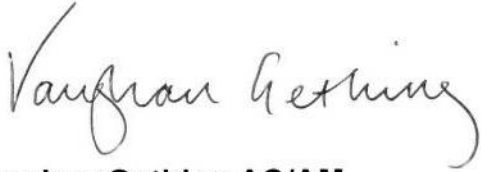
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

This is being supported by an additional £4million of government investment allocated to health boards. We have written to health boards regarding the submission of proposals for this funding confirming that we expect that these are in line with Matrics Cymru. In addition, we have established a 26 week referral to treatment time target, to ensure that appropriate interventions are received in a timely manner. We expect health boards to continue to develop and improve services in line with recurrent funding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V'.

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