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Dear Dr Goodall,

NHS waiting times for elective care in Wales and Orthopaedic Services

Thank you for your letter of 6 June which was considered in Public Accounts Committee on 18 June.

As you are aware, the Committee has been considering updates on these issues as a result of a recommendation in the previous Committee's Legacy Report. Members are pleased to note that good progress has been made in reducing waiting times for patients in both areas.

Members are aware that the Auditor General for Wales has programmed work in his local NHS VFM programme for early 2019, to assess progress against his previous recommendations on Orthopaedic Services. The Wales Audit Office will also be considering the merits of some follow up work on waiting times as part of the development of the new AGW's forward work programme. Bearing this in mind, the Committee are satisfied that they do not require any more updates on these issues at present.

Yours sincerely,



Nick Ramsay AM
Chair

