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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 25 July regarding a petition aimed at reopening St David's Medical Centre in Pentwyn.

I appreciate the concerns of patients about the future provision of services in this area of Cardiff. However, I hope you will understand that neither I, nor my officials, are able to intervene as these are contractual matters between Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and Pontprennau medical practice.

I understand Pontprennau medical practice has historically provided services from both their main surgery in Pontprennau and the St David's branch surgery. The practice have made a formal application to the health board to close the branch surgery, and I believe this is because of the poor physical state of the St David's premises and expiry of the current lease with the landlord. There is a formal process for consideration of the branch closure application and patients will have the opportunity to express their views on the proposed plan at a public meeting being organised by the Community Health Council.

I understand significant improvement grant funding has been secured to develop the Pontprennau main surgery premises to provide additional capacity for patients to receive care.

Whilst I am sure all local politicians will have been briefed by the health board, in view of the concerns that you have shared with me, I have written to Maria Battle, Chair of the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, asking her to ensure that the issues raised are addressed and to reply to you direct. I would expect you to now receive a satisfactory reply which fully addresses the concerns.

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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 you find this response helpful.

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' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'g'.

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