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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 24 September regarding Petition P-05-846 Save Our Hospital at Prince Philip Llanelli.

At its public Board meeting on 26 September Hywel Dda University Health Board received the closing report from the public consultation on its Transforming Clinical Services programme, and considered recommendations on the way forward.

At the meeting, eleven recommendations from doctors, nurses and a range of healthcare professionals such as health scientists and therapists were approved by the Board. Some key decisions were made, although the health board now wants to investigate some of the insightful feedback which it received from people during the consultation.

The next step will be for clinicians and staff to work with the public and other organisations, to bring the additional detail together into a draft 20 year health strategy. It anticipates that this will be considered at the Board's public meeting on 29 November.

At this stage, the proposals remain a matter for the health board to determine, using well-established procedures. It is possible that Welsh Ministers may be called upon to take final decisions on the plans, if agreement cannot be reached locally.

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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 will therefore appreciate that I am unable to comment on the proposals, as doing so may prejudice any future role I might have to play in the process.

Yours sincerely,

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