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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 26 November regarding Petition P-05-854 Make Learning Disability training mandatory for hospital staff from the Paul Ridd Foundation.

We have worked with the family to develop guidelines for people with a learning disability who need to access acute hospital care. The Ridd Foundation is also part of a working group to improve the health of people with learning disabilities and will be involved in the development of an educational framework for health and social care staff.

The two-year, cross-government, Improving Lives Programme aims to improve the life chances, health and wellbeing of people with a learning disability and includes a focus on meeting the needs of people with a learning disability when in hospital. Overseeing the delivery of this work is a new Ministerial Advisory Group, co-chaired by the former Minister for Social Services, Mrs Gwenda Thomas and a member of All Wales People First

All health services delivered in Wales are expected to be of the highest standard and comply with the Healthcare Standards for Wales, health professional standards and guidance issued by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). Specific guidance to improve the care and treatment of people with a learning disability in hospital has been available since 2014.

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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 is 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.

**Vaughan Gething AC/AM**

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