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Dear Sirs,

Re: Response of HEIW to the consultation in respect of the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Bill (“Quality Bill”)

To assist the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee in its undertaking of a consultation process in respect of the above Quality Bill, I am pleased to outline below the response of HEIW’s Board in respect of the matter.

Strengthen duty of quality. HEIW welcomes the proposal and recognises that it will also have a lead role to play in the delivery and commissioning of education and training on this duty for the post graduate medical, undergraduate health professional workforce of NHS Wales.

Organisational duty of candour. HEIW welcomes the proposal. While HEIW will not have a direct contact with patients, we recognises that we will have a lead role to play in the delivery and commissioning of education and training on this duty for the post graduate medical, undergraduate health professional workforce of NHS Wales.

Enabling the appointment of Vice Chairs for NHS Trusts by Welsh Ministers. HEIW would respectfully request that the Quality Bill also enable Welsh Ministers to appoint the Vice Chairs for Special Health Authorities. As HEIW is a Special Health Authority this would enable Welsh Ministers to appoint our Vice

Chair. This would have the advantage of bringing HEIW in line with the current position for Health Boards, together with the proposal under the Quality Bill for NHS Trusts.

New Citizen Voice Body for Health and Social Care in Wales. We recognise and welcome the role of the new Citizen Voice Body. We feel the new body should be adequately resourced and that the right level of access and co-operation should be strengthened. It is further recommended that there should be a clarity in respect of the mechanisms to deal with fundamental disagreements between local, regional and national matters.

Yours faithfully,



**Board Secretary
HEIW**