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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your further letter of 16 December on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding the provision of pre-biopsy mpMRI scans for men with suspected prostate cancer.

As I described in my earlier correspondence, while Health Boards are transitioning to this new service model, people with suspected prostate cancer will continue to be investigated in line with the health board's existing clinical pathways. We must not lose sight of the fact that all men in Wales with suspected prostate cancer will continue to be offered expert NHS diagnostic care as we transition to the new standard.

My officials will be meeting with the health boards later this month to ensure that the relevant equipment, training and capacity will be in place from April 2020. I will write to the Petitions Committee with a further update then.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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