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Minister for Health and Social Services



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Llyr Gruffydd AM
Chair, Finance Committee
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Dear Llyr,

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Committee that I have laid a revised Explanatory Memorandum to the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Bill before the National Assembly. The Memorandum reflects the changes I agreed to make as a result of the Finance Committee's Stage 1 report.

In particular, as a result of the Committee's recommendations, the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) now illustrates a potential range of costs associated with the impact of changes in the number of incidents on the ongoing cost arising from the introduction of the duty of candour, as well as the resulting potential legal costs arising from the Bill. It also includes information around how fluctuations in the assumptions about the volume of additional complaints impacts on the number of staff required for the new Citizen Voice Body and its expected running costs, and sets out the potential range of ICT costs rather than the low cost estimate.

The Committee also requested that in revising the Regulatory Impact Assessment, information is included about the methodologies and specific content of the post implementation review. This has been added to section 9 of the RIA.

As well as the changes summarised above, a number of non-financial changes have been made to reflect commitments that I gave during stage 2 scrutiny. These include:

- Further information about the guidance supporting the duty of quality including what it will cover and how it links back to the Health Care Standards
- How the Citizen Voice Body links into existing arrangements in relation to social care
- Support for volunteer members and indemnity

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- How the public appointments process can be used to support diversity of board membership and address potential conflicts of interest

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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