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Dear Russell,

Thank you for your recent Written Question asking me what steps the Welsh Government is taking to increase the number of epilepsy specialist nurses in Wales and what plans Welsh Government are making to improve Welsh epilepsy services.

The Welsh Government is continuing to work with the Neurological Conditions Implementation Group (NCIG) to improve services for all those with neurological conditions across Wales, including epilepsy.

In March, we published the National Clinical Framework (NCF). The NCF describes how clinical services such as epilepsy should be provided over the next decade and how we can better support system planning and quality improvement.

The NCF is supported by a range of tools and enablers including quality statements, which set out high level policy intentions and describe the standards and outcomes expected of clinical services. We are currently working with the NCIG and the Wales Neurological Alliance to develop a quality statement for neurological conditions.

In addition, the NCIG is currently working with the Value Based Health Care team to develop a data dashboard for epilepsy, which will help to support business cases for developing services for people with epilepsy going forward. Discussions around the addition of neurological conditions including epilepsy on the national dashboard as a way of

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monitoring services and identifying inequalities (such as number of Epilepsy Specialist Nurses and caseloads) are also underway.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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