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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your recent written question asking me to confirm how many patients have died while on an NHS Wales waiting list in each year since 2007.

The information requested is not held centrally by Welsh Government. I am aware a figure for the number of people who died while waiting for an operation in Wales since 2016 was quoted recently in a WalesOnline article. However, this was not an official measure, and we are unable to verify it. I have asked my officials to work with Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) and Local Health Boards to explore if it is possible to determine how many people die annually while on NHS waiting lists.

For context, each year around 35,000 people die in Wales.

Yours sincerely

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