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Dear Lynne,

I am writing in response to your Written Question and apologise for the delay in issuing this reply.

Further to WQ99255 and WQ99257, what discussions has the Welsh Government had with NHS Wales Performance and Improvement to assist them in supporting Aneurin Bevan University Health Board to deliver the quality statement for mental health?

We have introduced new accountability arrangements where NHS Wales Performance and Improvement (NHSWPI) sits at the centre of system oversight, assurance, improvement and intervention. It acts as principal day-to-day interface with NHS organisations, reducing duplication and creating a more coherent accountability system. NHSWPI leads risk-based operational review meetings with NHS organisations.

It has also been confirmed that NHSWPI will report into the newly established Healthcare Quality and Improvement Board, which is chaired by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Chief Nursing Officer (CNO), and is responsible for setting national strategic priorities for quality, safety and improvement which over time will support the delivery of the quality statement.

We have also confirmed to NHSWPI their role in providing national leadership and coordination to health boards in the delivery of seamless, person-centred mental health services as part of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy. This will include a focus on the implementation of the quality statement and the introduction of our open access approach which is embedded within the statement.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Delyth Jewell', written on a light blue background.

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