

# Equality of Opportunity Committee

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Dear Mrs Hart

During Equality of Opportunity Committee on 2 July, we undertook a short inquiry into published documents for visually impaired people.

During the discussion, Accessible Information Policies were raised and I am writing to ask how many of the Welsh health authorities and local health boards have such a policy and what they contain. Members were disappointed, as I am sure you will be, to learn that research undertaken by Deafblind UK suggested that almost 58% of deafblind patients did not receive letters or appointment cards from any NHS organisation in a format they could read themselves.

We will be preparing a short Report from our inquiry and I will ensure you are sent a copy.

**Ann Jones**  
**Chair, Equality of Opportunity Committee**