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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your recent Written Question asking me what assessment I have made of the possibility of creating a patient safety commissioner for Wales.

The Cumberlege report's recommendation for a patient safety commissioner primarily reflected circumstances in England. It coincided with the introduction of new patient safety legislation in Wales which introduced new duties of quality and candour on NHS bodies and a new Citizen Voice body and, separately, enhanced powers of investigation were given to the public sector ombudsman. I am concerned that should we introduce a patient safety commissioner or the associated powers they would confuse Wales' new patient safety arrangements. I have asked my officials to consider if there is anything further we should do to strengthen these arrangements. I will make a statement in due course.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely

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