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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your recent Written Question asking me to outline plans by local health boards to increase paediatric ICU facilities during winter 2021-22.

Given the potential pressures which may be experienced by paediatric services this Winter from illnesses such as paediatric respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), we have asked all health boards in Wales to plan for a 20-50 percent increase in both general and level 2 (high dependency) critical care beds. In addition, we have asked Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to plan for a 100 percent increase in level 3 capacity as the only level 3 paediatric critical care unit in Wales.

Health boards are currently finalising their surge plans to deliver this requirement.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely

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