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Dear Russell,

Thank you for your recent questions asking what assessment have I made of whether recent additional funding for Adferiad (Recovery) services is being used to support people with functional neurological disorder and what action am I taking to ensure that recent additional funding for Adferiad (Recovery) services is being used for functional neurological disorder services?

Improving outcomes for all people with neurological conditions remains a priority for Welsh Government. We set out this vision in the [Neurological Conditions Quality Statement](#) published in November 2022, and have since taken positive action by increasing funding for Adferiad (Recovery) services from £5m to £8.3m.

This increase in funding will enable health boards to widen access to these services on a “needs led” or “symptom led” basis for people with other long-term conditions, but similar rehabilitation and recovery needs as those with long COVID.

We expect health boards to deliver these services in line with expectations we have set out and other relevant guidance, such as that issued by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). It is however for health boards to plan and deliver their services based on the needs of their local population.

The expectations we have set out include continuing to report on how Adferiad funded services are developing. Monitoring patient reported experience measures (PREMs) and patient reported outcome measures (PROMs) must remain a central focus.

I recognise that some health boards will be at different stages of development and their ability to expand is dependent on further recruitment, which is challenging, particularly in some disciplines. A community of practice comprised of health professionals managing and working in these services has been established, and they are developing a set of national standards and performance improvement measures to monitor and evaluate services. These measures will be used to evaluate service provision and provide assurance that access to services is being widened. My officials also meet with health boards to gain assurance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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