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Dear Jane

Thank you for your written question about how stroke patients from south Powys affected by the temporary changes to acute stroke services at Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board will be supported by the Welsh Government.

In December 2024, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board confirmed temporary changes to consolidate its acute stroke services at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital from 8 January 2025 to maintain safe and effective services in light of workforce and estate challenges at Prince Charles Hospital and Princess of Wales Hospital.

I have been clear with the chair of Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB that it must engage with all relevant partners and stakeholders to ensure the public and staff are fully supported while it acts to resolve the challenges currently impacting stroke services.

Anyone experiencing a stroke or suspected stroke can continue to attend the health board's emergency departments. People who need more intensive treatment and care will be transferred by dedicated ambulance to the acute stroke unit at Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

Other stroke services for south Powys residents are not affected – communities will continue to be served by a network of services, including at Hereford County Hospital, the Grange University Hospital, Morriston Hospital and Glangwili Hospital. All provide 24-hour access to specialist treatment such as brain scans and clot-busting drugs to restore blood flow to the brain.

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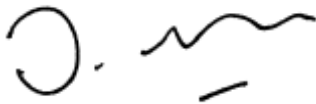
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Our aim is to improve stroke care and outcomes by developing comprehensive regional stroke centres across Wales. A national programme team will support health boards to deliver stroke services and drive the required regional approach to stroke care. Detailed work to inform the development of this model, including where these regional centres will be located, is under way.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a horizontal line.

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