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Dear Rhys

Thank you for your recent written question asking me: "What is the Welsh Government doing to improve cancer survival rates in Wales, which currently ranks 32nd out of 33 for stomach cancer, according to the Less Survivable Cancers Taskforce."

The Welsh Government is committed to improving outcomes for all cancers, including those with the lowest survival rates. Our approach is set out in the Quality Statement for Cancer, and the NHS in Wales has responded in the Cancer Improvement Plan. This includes a focus on detecting cancer at earlier more treatable stages and putting in place rapid access to investigation and treatment. A number of actions are supporting this, including: the establishment of the diagnostic programme to improve diagnostic care, the establishment of Rapid Diagnostic Centres across Wales for people with vague symptoms, the introduction of digital guidance for all GPs on making cancer referrals, and the introduction of a series of timed national pathways to support health board planning of services.

Yours sincerely

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