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Dear Rhys,

Thank you for your recent written questions asking me:

- Why the Welsh Government did not make use of the not-for-profit offer by the Rutherford centre in January 2022 to help health boards reduce waiting lists and
- To outline reasons for the Welsh Government's decision not to buy the Rutherford centre in Newport after the company that ran the centre went out of business.

The Welsh Government does not procure or commission healthcare services. It is the responsibility of NHS organisations to plan and deliver healthcare services to their populations.

Four NHS organisations in Wales already had contracts with the Rutherford Cancer Centre in Newport for the activity that they required. Velindre University NHS Trust was also in the process of procuring additional services from the Rutherford Cancer Centre when the company went into liquidation.

Yours sincerely,

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

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