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Dear Delyth

Thank you for your recent written question asking what discussions I have had with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board about how the incident took place where Grange University Hospital morgue gave the wrong body for cremation at the Sirhowy Valley Crematorium and what discussions I have had with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board about measures they have put in place to ensure there will be no repeat of a recent incident where the wrong body was released from the Grange Hospital and was subsequently cremated at Sirhowy Valley Crematorium?

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board reported the incident to the Welsh Government and confirmed its intention to undertake an investigation into its causes to prevent re-occurrence. Until this investigation is complete, I do not intend to interfere in this process.

The health board has supported the family affected and my officials remain in close contact with the health board. Once the facts of the matter are established, I expect to receive more detail on what occurred and to be assured about how the health board will prevent this happening in future.

I would like to express my sadness at this unfortunate and upsetting mistake.

Yours sincerely

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