



Ein cyf/Our ref WQ100336(e)

Gareth Beer MS
Sir Gaerfyrddin

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Dear Gareth

I am writing in response to your written question:

What action is the Welsh Government taking to review the governance arrangements and clinical oversight of the Welsh Gender Service in light of recently published data indicating higher rates of surgical referrals by the Welsh Gender Service than comparable services elsewhere in the UK?

The NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (NWJCC) is responsible for ensuring the quality and safety of the services that it commissions.

The NWJCC has escalated the Wales Gender Service to level 3. This is to ensure appropriate scrutiny and oversight in response to concerns that have been identified. This includes both the volume of referrals and the quality of the clinical assessment.

Further information can be found on the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board [website](#).

Officials are in regular contact with the JCC and I expect both the JCC and the health board responsible for delivering the Wales Gender Services to take forward any necessary action.

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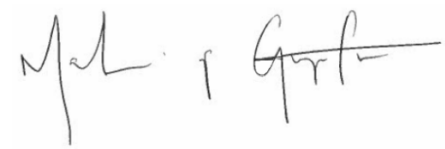
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I have requested to be updated regularly on progress, and I expect the safety of patients to be the priority.

Yours sincerely,

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Mabon ap Gwynfor AS/MS

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