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Dear Mark

I am writing to you in response to your questions WQ97939, WQ97940, WQ97942 and WQ97944 tabled on 17/12//2025. Please accept my apologies for the late reply.

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide, for each health board, the average and median waiting times for patients to be seen by a specialist following a first seizure, broken down by quarter for the past two years?

What percentage of patients experiencing seizure for the first time were seen within two weeks, in each health board for the last four quarters, and what remedial actions have been mandated where compliance is below target?

What proportion of newly diagnosed epilepsy patients received a mental health screening, and what proportion accessed counselling within six weeks, broken down by health board, in the last 12 months?

For questions WQ97939, WQ97940 and WQ97942 above, the Welsh Government does not hold this information centrally. However, you may wish to contact Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW: dhcw.info@wales.nhs.uk) or the health boards directly to enquire if they are able to assist.

Has the Government assessed the impact of transport barriers on missed epilepsy appointments?

In terms of WQ97944, the Welsh Government has not undertaken a specific assessment of the impact of transport barriers on missed epilepsy appointments. However, we recognise

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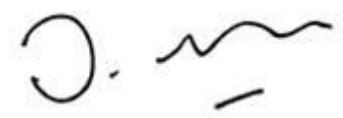
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that accessible and reliable transport is essential for ensuring people with long-term health conditions, including epilepsy, can attend medical appointments and receive timely care.

Our wider work on improving transport accessibility directly supports this aim. Through initiatives such as our Travel for All approach, we are taking forward measures to make public transport across Wales more inclusive and easier to use for disabled people. This includes improving physical accessibility at stations and stops, enhancing staff training on disability awareness, and involving disabled people in the design of transport services.

In addition, we continue to work closely with local authorities, health boards, and transport providers to identify and address barriers that may prevent individuals from accessing essential services, including healthcare. This forms part of our broader commitment to reducing health inequalities and ensuring equitable access to care.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Miles', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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