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Dear Altaf,

Thank you for your request for a statement regarding the status of fracture liaison services (FLS) in Wales. I remain committed to developing FLS for the whole of Wales. As part of this commitment, I have been urging health boards to assess secondary care prevention services within their future planning. Whilst I feel it is premature for a statement at this stage, I would like to provide assurance appropriate action is being taken.

The Welsh Government continues to fund the national clinical audit programme which includes the FLS Database. This database provides the required statistics and narrative regarding FLS and plays a crucial role in helping shape the national approach to the development of FLS across Wales. My officials have engaged health boards to ensure they provide the required information to the national audit to ensure we are accurately measuring services.

The All-Wales FLS Assurance and Development group has met to discuss progress and identify barriers. The objective of the group is to review key performance indicators identified within the audit. As an example, we have observed a positive trend relating to fragility fracture identification, with an increase from 21% in 2021 to projected 50% in 2023. The group remains focused on improving all key performance indicators and is collaborating with relevant organisations to provide support to achieve this.

Furthermore, our national clinical lead, Dr Inder Singh, delivered a presentation to Medical Directors across Wales to bolster support in this important area. Dr Singh has also engaged with those health boards currently lacking services to assess their business case approaches and provide support accordingly. Dr Singh has begun engagement with nursing leaders to ensure the effective development of clinical nurse specialists as key clinicians delivering these services.

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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.

My officials have recently written to all health boards requesting an update of their plans to meet the requirements. The responses to the request will be carefully evaluated during the All-Wales group meetings.

I hope this answers any queries and I will look to provide a further update to the Senedd in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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

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