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Dear Beth

During Questions to the Leader of the House on 8 December you raised concerns about the provision of services at Neath Port Talbot Hospital. The Leader of the House promised that I would write to you regarding the points you made.

I have been assured by the Health Board that the changes at the Hospital have been made to improve the care for frail elderly patients, including the use of more appropriate beds and facilities which have recently been opened at Cimla Hospital. I understand that these changes have been fully discussed with and are supported by the staff side organisations, Community Health Council and officers of Neath Port Talbot Council.

Neath Port Talbot Hospital will also continue to provide a range of services including a 24 hour 7 days per week Local Accident Centre, facilities to admit medical emergencies, planned surgical procedures and a comprehensive range of outpatient, therapy and diagnostic services.

I also understand that the Chief Executive has met with all the local Assembly Members and other local groups to ensure that they are kept informed of these issues.

I hope this is helpful to you.

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