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Dear Mark,

Thank you for your recent written question asking me to confirm whether the 50 integrated social and health care hubs under the health and social care integration and rebalancing capital fund 2022–25 programme have been identified and, if so, which of these are located in the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board area.

The 2 PfG commitments (Develop more than 50 local community hubs to co-locate front-line health and social care and other services and Invest in a new generation of integrated health and social care centres across Wales) are being delivered collaboratively through the Integrated Health and Social Care Hubs Programme. The programme covers a range of activities and funding mechanisms including the Integration and Rebalancing Capital Fund (IRCF), the development of innovative funding schemes and will also further develop and strengthen relationships with Regional Partnership Boards and their constituent organisations particularly Health Boards, Local Authorities, and the third sector.

As part of the programme, we are building a picture of the network of hubs, some existing, but some will be new and developed through the IRCF. Officials have been working up a definition for different categories of hubs to assist with this mapping work which is due to be completed by early summer.

Seven projects were approved in 2022-23 under the Integration and Rebalancing Capital Fund (IRCF) for various stages of business case development and construction, four of which were in North Wales and are as follows:

- North Wales Dementia Centres
- Ynys Mon Dementia Centre
- Amlwch Intergenerational Wellbeing Hub
- Conwy and Llandudno Health and Wellbeing Hub.

Additionally, 15 covid support centres across North Wales were supported with Transition Funds to give them the opportunity to transition into new health and social care hubs. We will be receiving reports via the North Wales Regional Partnership Board (RPB) on progress at the end of May 2023.

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RPBs have a key role in bringing together key partners to facilitate cross-sector strategic planning in relation to capital investment for health and social care related services and facilities and are required to develop 10-year strategic capital investment plans by the end of July.

These strategic plans will focus on short, medium and long term investment opportunities to support the strategic direction within the region, which must be informed by both national policy and regional population needs assessments and market stability reports. All projects for IRCF must therefore be a priority prior to any application for funding being received.

Yours sincerely,

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

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