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Dear Jonathan

Junior Doctor Compliance with the European Working Time Directive

As requested in your letter of 29 July 2009, please see below a table which details the post 1 August compliance levels with the 48-hour working week for doctors in training.

I have included two sets of data. The first column lists the position of rotas compliant with the 48-hour working week. The second lists the position of compliant rotas accounting for those which have been awarded EWTD derogation. Doctors working a derogated rota may work a 52-hour week between 2009 and 2011 (exceptionally until 2012).

Trust	2009 EWTD Compliant Rotas	2009 EWTD Compliant Rotas – Accounting for Approved Derogations
ABM University NHS Trust	100%	100%
Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust	95%	97.5%
Cwm Taf NHS Trust *	49%	62%
Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust	83%	88.5%
Hywel Dda NHS Trust	100%	100%
North Wales NHS Trust	86%	100%
North West Wales NHS Trust	80%	100%
Powys LHB	100%	100%
Velindre NHS Trust	100%	100%
Wales	88.1%	93.5%

*Cwm Taf NHS Trust have submitted plans which indicate that all specialties, other than those awarded derogation, will achieve full compliance by February 2010. This position is being discussed with the Chief Executive of the Trust.

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All newly introduced rotas have to be monitored and this will be taking place during September and October. Whilst the position has improved, Trusts are continuing to experience difficulties in recruiting and therefore filling all the slots on rotas is proving a challenge. The August figure on all medical non-consultant vacancies in Wales was 332.

I will be writing to the Chief Executives designate of the new Local Health Boards, who from 1st October will be responsible for the services currently provided by Trusts, where they have not achieved full compliance, to remind them of their responsibilities. My officials will also be continuing to monitor the situation.

Yours sincerely

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

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