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Dear Janet

**Re: Petition P-05-906 Correspondence from the Chair of the Petitions Committee**

Thank you for your letter regarding the above. In responding to the issues raised by the South Glamorgan CHC, I thought it would be helpful to share with you the correspondence the Health Board sent to CHC before and during the engagement process, and after the Board decision on the outcome of the engagement. I believe these demonstrate the way we were in continuous discussion with the CHC and how we responded to the issues they raised at the time and they have subsequently shared with you in their submission.

At our Board meeting in November 2019, we considered the outcome of the engagement and agreed a way forward. We acknowledged the petition as an element of the feedback received, as part of the Board papers – see link to the full Board papers below.

<http://www.cardiffandvaleuhb.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/1143/Public%20Board%20Agenda%20%26%20Papers%20Bundle.pdf>

As highlighted below in an extract from Annex 1 of the Board paper, Unison shared copies of the petition both with the UHB and with the CHC at one of the public meetings held on 30 October.

*Extract from Annex 1 of Board Paper - 'In addition to the feedback received directly by the Health Board, a petition organised by Unison and signed by circa 13,000 people, was presented to Welsh Government on 9 October. Copies were also shared with the Health Board and the CHC on 30 October. The petition called on Welsh Government to stop the proposal to close the Sam Davies ward and to ensure that Barry Hospital continues to provide health services to the public of Barry the largest town in Wales, and the Vale of Glamorgan.'*

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The Board supported the way forward proposed in the Board paper, namely to take action to build public confidence in the frailty model and the future of Barry Hospital before proceeding with further consideration of the future of beds in the Sam Davies ward. This position was agreed subject to further consideration of the views of the CHC which had not been available at the time of the Board meeting.

The correspondence with the CHC in January and March 2020, which I have attached, responds to the formal position taken by the CHC which was reported to us in December. The correspondence also describes the work being progressed in relation to developing the frailty model and an invitation to join a project steering group for developing Barry as a Health and Wellbeing Centre. A crucial element of this was to oversee the approach to engagement/consultation with the public and stakeholders.

Like so many other pieces of development work, this had to be put on hold when the pandemic hit. Below is an update on the position related to the Frailty Intervention Team (FIT) and Sam Davies ward.

The Frailty Intervention Team (FIT) was piloted January – March 2020 to support patients presenting to the Medical Emergency and Assessment Unit (MEAU), University Hospital Llandough during the winter period. The FIT followed the pathway described in the public engagement which promotes the provision of early specialist intervention and care closer to home when it is safe to do so. The Health Board had planned to review the impact of the pilot in April, however was not able to do so given the COVID 19 situation. The Health Board remains committed to delivering the evidence-based Frailty Pathway and we plan to review the impact of the pilot that took place during January to March 2020 as part of our winter planning process.

The Sam Davies ward continues to provide ongoing assessment and interventions for older patients mainly from the Vale of Glamorgan. The patients occupying this ward are elderly patients, transferred from UHW or UHL at the point at which they no longer require acute hospital inpatient care. Patients continue to receive rehabilitation as well as supported and complex discharge planning at the Sam Davies ward whilst the Frailty Model is established and the future of Barry Hospital agreed.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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