

Lesley Griffiths AC / AM  
Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
Minister for Health and Social Services



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref SF/LG/3553/12

Dr Mark Drakeford AM  
Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

[Mark.Drakeford@wales.gov.uk](mailto:Mark.Drakeford@wales.gov.uk)

16 January 2013

Dear Mark

At the Health and Social Care Committee on 5 December I agreed to provide Members with information on the following:

- capital project slippages,
- a breakdown by Health Board of how the additional £82m for the NHS will be allocated,
- how the Welsh Government will be feeding into the review of the balance of competences between the UK and the EU and;
- the provision of mental health services for staff working in the armed forces and emergency services

I have also received your letter of 7 January in which you request additional information on the provision of neuroscience services in Wales and the Welsh Government's review of capital expenditure and will respond in due course.

1. I agreed to share with the Committee a list of capital programmes where there has been project slippage. These projects are attached as an **annex** to this letter.

2. I have distributed the additional £82 million on a non-recurrent basis to Health Boards in line with the assessed level of risk as follows:

Bae Caerdydd • Cardiff Bay  
Caerdydd • Cardiff  
CF99 1NA

*Wedi'i argraffu ar bapur wedi'i ailgylchu (100%)*

English Enquiry Line 0845 010 3300  
Llinell Ymholiadau Cymraeg 0845 010 4400  
Correspondence.lesley.Griffiths@wales.gsi.gov.uk  
*Printed on 100% recycled paper*

	<b>Proposed Allocation</b>
	<b>£m</b>
Abertawe Bro Morgannwg	10
Aneurin Bevan	10
Betsi Cadwaladr	15
Cardiff and Vale	25
Cwm Taf	10
Hywel Dda	8
Powys	4
Public Health Wales NHS Trust	0
Velindre NHS Trust	0
Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>

3. I also agreed to provide further information on the balance of competences between the UK and the EU. The Welsh Government is responding on the basis of the scope of different EU competences in Wales and so individual Ministers are, and will be, reviewing those policy areas. In my own case, we have initially offered to assist the UK Government in engaging with Welsh stakeholders in feeding in their own comments. I am currently looking across my portfolio to assess whether there are points I would wish to raise at this stage.

4. Serving armed forces personnel are the responsibility of the Ministry of Defence and only transfer to the NHS on discharge. As far as veterans are concerned, our All-Wales Health and Wellbeing Service grew out of a successful Ministry of Defence and Welsh Government funded pilot service which ran between 2008 and 2010 in Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust area. This was the subject of a full evaluation and its success has led us to fully fund the service to operate across Wales. Part of our agreement to fund the service, includes the need to provide regular progress reports and we are also considering what further evaluation is needed. Together for Mental Health contains a range of veteran specific commitments and our multiagency National Partnership Board, which oversees implementation of the strategy, will keep these under periodic review.

Regarding mental health services for emergency services staff, access to services is through mainstream mental health provision. I would expect all services provided to this group, as with other groups and individuals, to be based on clinical need. Employers need to recognise the impact of mental illness, not only on individuals, but also on the public services they provide and their responsibility as employers to ensure the emotional, as well as physical safety of their employees. For instance, fire-fighters are at increased risk of developing mental health problems due to the nature of their work. Arranging for access to mental health specialists can often take time to arrange, leading to the individual remaining disabled and off work. To address this, the NHS and South Wales Fire and Rescue Service have formed a partnership around the local NHS Traumatic Stress Service. This enables fire-fighters to receive early psychological assessment and treatment from a nurse therapist trained in cognitive behaviour therapy or referral to a consultant liaison psychiatrist.

The National Partnership Board will ensure services for all are prioritised according to clinical need and mental health services are in place to cater for the general populations' needs as and when they arise, irrespective of their employment status. This is something I expect the Board to emphasise as part of the implementation of the Mental Health Strategy.

Regards  
Lesley

**Lesley Griffiths AC/AM**

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
Minister for Health and Social Services

**Annex 2**

<b>Name of LHB/Trust and scheme</b>	<b>Available for Transfer</b>	<b>Status and projected end date</b>
	<b>£m</b>	
<b>Aneurin Bevan Local Health Board</b>		
Strategic Critical Care Centre (SCCC)	1.157	Revised Outline Business Case to be submitted in Dec-12. The projected completion date remains unchanged as mid-2017
Royal Gwent Hospital General Infrastructure	1.748	Business case currently under scrutiny. Projected completion date Jul-2013
<b>Sub Total AB</b>	<b>2.905</b>	
<b>Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board</b>		
HealthVison Swansea Phase 1b Reprovision of Stores	0.500	Business case currently under scrutiny. Projected completion by Mar-2014
Reshaping Mental Health Services in Swansea Phase 8 Low Secure	3.340	Business case currently under scrutiny. Projected completion date is mid-2014
<b>Sub Total ABM</b>	<b>3.840</b>	
<b>Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board</b>		
Development of Bryn y Neuadd	0.235	Business case is expected to be submitted in Mar-2013
Ysbyty Gwynedd Accident & Emergency dept	1.250	Business case currently under scrutiny. Projected completion date is Nov-2014
Renal Alltwen	1.150	Business case is expected to be submitted in Jan/Feb-2013
Llandudno Minor Injuries Unit	0.740	Business case under scrutiny. Projected completion is Nov-2013
Llandudno Women's and Rheumatology	0.100	Business case not yet submitted.
<b>Sub Total BCU</b>	<b>3.475</b>	
<b>Cardiff &amp; Vale University Health Board</b>		
Llandough Elderly Mentally Infirm	0.800	On site with estimated completion date of Oct-2015
Neurosciences	0.250	On site with estimated completion date of Mar-2013
University Hospital of Wales remodel Emergency Care	0.550	Estimated start date of Feb-2013
<b>Sub Total C&amp;V</b>	<b>1.600</b>	
<b>Cwm Taf Local Health Board</b>		
Ysbyty Cwm Cynon, Prince Charles Hospital upgrades and Merthyr Health Park	1.271	Schemes completing and accounts finalising showing a net underspend
Prince Charles Hospital Renal Dialysis	1.707	Scheme now being taken forwarded via alternative funding route
Merthyr Health Park Medical Education	0.584	The Business Justification Case is under scrutiny. Projected completion of Sep-2013
<b>Sub Total CT</b>	<b>3.562</b>	

<b>Name of LHB/Trust and scheme</b>	<b>Available for Transfer</b>	<b>Status and projected end date</b>
<b>Hywel Dda Local Health Board</b>		
Prince Phillip Hospital Elective Short Stay	0.837	Business case not submitted due to awaiting outcome of consultation
Aberaeron Community Services	0.150	Business case not submitted due to awaiting outcome of consultation
Cardigan Community Services	1.684	Business case not submitted due to awaiting outcome of consultation
Angiography/ pacing	0.500	Business case not submitted due to awaiting outcome of consultation
Neonatal level 2 and complex obstetrics	1.500	Business case not submitted due to awaiting outcome of consultation
Information Management & Technology Infrastructure	1.000	Business case not submitted due to awaiting outcome of consultation
Bronglais Front of House	1.069	On site with estimated completion date of Dec-2015
Withybush Renal Dialysis Unit	2.769	On site with estimated completion date of 25 Oct 2013
Energy Project	6.922	Programme will be implemented over multiple phases. First business cases expected to be submitted in Feb-2013. Estimated completion of programme is Dec-2013
<b>Sub Total HD</b>	<b>16.431</b>	
<b>Powys teaching Health Board</b>		
Llandrindod Wells	0.270	Strategic Outline Case under scrutiny. Programme will be implemented over multiple phases. Programme expected to be completed by Mar-2015
Newtown & Welshpool Theatres	0.090	Business case not yet submitted. No estimated completion date at present.
<b>Sub Total Powys</b>	<b>0.360</b>	
<b>NHS Wales Informatics Service</b>		
Intelligent Integrated Audit Provision	0.750	Project not being taken forward.
<b>Sub Total NWIS</b>	<b>0.750</b>	
<b>Velindre NHS Trust</b>		
Velindre Redevelopment SOC	0.200	Business case not yet developed. No estimated completion date at present.
MRI Scanner Replacement	1.400	Business case not yet submitted. Projected completion is Sep-2013
<b>Sub Total Velindre</b>	<b>1.600</b>	
<b>Welsh Ambulance Services Trust</b>		
North East Wales Ambulance Resource Centre Works	0.350	Business case not approved but completion date is projected for Aug-2014
<b>Sub Total WAST</b>	<b>0.350</b>	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>34.873</b>	