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Mr W. Powell MP
Chair Petitions Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Mr Powell

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response to your letter to Elwyn Price-Morris on 11 July in relation to defibrillators in the community.

The Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) has a full time Public Access Defibrillation Site (PADS) manager who co-ordinates over 300 public access defibrillators across Wales, with over 450 defibrillators in situ at these sites. To support these sites, WAST has delivered training to 5,500 people across Wales.

The Trust has recently received funding for two years from the British Heart Foundation to second two Clinical Support Officers to deliver a cardiac arrest improvement plan aligned to the Together for Health Cardiac Delivery Plan.

Increasing the number of PAD sites, along with the number of people trained to provide CPR, is a key strand of this improvement plan. In 2012/13 the Trust was awarded funding from Welsh Government through the capital planning process to replace around 40 older PADs with newer equipment.

The Trust supports the development of community defibrillation schemes across the nation and would welcome further dialogue with colleagues around how this can be achieved.

Yours sincerely


Elwyn Price-Morris
CHIEF EXECUTIVE