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Dear Mr Millar

Follow up to Public Account Committee on 4 February 2014 on Hospital Catering and Patient Nutrition

Following my appearance at the Public Accounts Committee meeting on 4 February you asked that I provide you with information in the following two areas:

1. Information on how the e-learning nutrition training programme is funded and the timeline for including all training on all electronic staff records (ESR). To include an update on how the training incorporated in pre-registration training is also captured.

Following development of the educational e-learning package to support implementation of the Wales Nutrition pathway by Learning Industries, which was funded by Welsh Government, NHS Wales organisations can now access the package free of charge through the Learning@NHSWales web portal. NWIS and NHS Shared Services have confirmed that the Workforce Information Systems (WfIS) Team's work to provide an all Wales approach, to centralise the development of e-learning, improve access without requiring an email address and uplift results to the ESR is complete. All development work by NWIS and Shared Services has no direct cost implications for NHS organisations.

Cardiff & Vale UHB has a copy of the course, from Learning Industries, on their own server, which has no ongoing annual costs but they have confirmed that they will be moving to accessing this course via Learning@NHSWales following an IT upgrade which is required for them to access Learning@NHSWales.

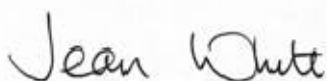
Work between Welsh Government, Cyngor (Deans of non-medical education institutions in Wales) and Shared Services is ongoing to bring the e-learning package into undergraduate studies in Wales. Following the WfIS project, Shared Services has confirmed they will be able to make e-learning packages freely available for students to access via the Learning@Wales platform with their university e-mail address. These resources will be available to 3rd year students in addition to the NHS Wales Statutory and Mandatory Induction Programme and Improving Quality Together – making available a diverse range of resources to students so they are skilled up in some of the core topics to work in NHS Wales immediately on commencement of their post. Students on nutrition and dietetic courses will also be given access to the nutrition e learning via the Learning@Wales platform.

A successful pilot with Swansea Trinity University, where students were able to access the Statutory and Mandatory Induction, has recently been completed. Students and the university were pleased to be able to undertake this training pre-registration. Other Welsh universities are keen to be involved. Shared Services are formatting the learning modules to be made live for students across Wales within the next few months.

Upon successful completion of a training module students are able to print or save a copy of their certificate. These can then be given to their health board/trust when they start employment for the results to be uploaded on their ESR.

- 2. I confirm that I will write to the Committee in April with an evaluation of the pilot project being undertaken on food waste at Llandough Hospital in March and provide an update on discussions health boards are having with local authorities on the collection of food waste.**

Yours sincerely



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