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Dear Mr Powell

Thank you for your letter dated 23 November 2011 regarding the above.

Hywel Dda Health Board recognises the value and contribution to patient care provided by Specialist nurses and in fact other practitioners and certainly have no plans to reduce the posts we have within the Neurological field. At present we do not have specific Clinical Nurse Specialist in MS but are designing our clinical strategy which will ensure we support a more community and primary care based approach to services. In order to develop this approach many services will require a variety of practitioners and skills and the workforce issues are being considered alongside the strategy development.

Yours Sincerely

Trevor Purt
Chief Executive