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Dear Mike,

Thank you for your letter of 29 November on behalf of the Petitions Committee and Charles Dodman regarding Petition P-05-732 about waiting times in A&E at Wrexham Maelor Hospital.

In Wales, the national target is for 95% of patients attending A&E to be admitted, transferred or discharged within four hours. Unfortunately, there are occasions when delays can occur but it is important to recognise that the majority of patients seen in A&E departments are treated and discharged very quickly.

In October, 75% of patients at Wrexham Maelor Hospital A&E department were admitted, transferred or discharged within four hours. While this remains below the national target of 95%, I have been encouraged to see sustained improvement in waiting times at the hospital over the past 18 months. I hope to see further reductions in A&E waiting times as the health board pursues its comprehensive programme to improve unscheduled care performance across all its hospital sites over coming months.

I have made it clear to all local health boards that they must continue to manage their local population needs and ensure that the local emergency system is flexible in responding to peaks in demand in all settings. These expectations are monitored through regular contact between the Welsh Government and local health boards throughout the year.

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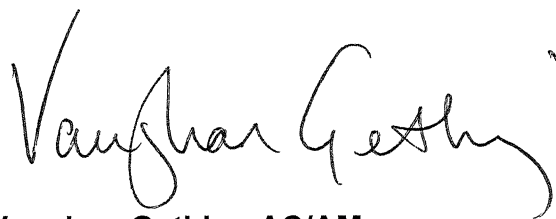
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I hope this has helped to clarify the position on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'g'.

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