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Our ref: P-04-362

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Dear Mark

Petition: P-04-362 Ambulance Services in Monmouth

At its meeting on 7 February, the Petitions Committee considered the
following petition for the first time:

> *We believe that Monmouth should be granted the appropriate
> ambulance provision. With its population set to rise, and the Minor
> Injuries Unit at Monnow Vale recently closed down, demand will
> increase for the ambulance service.*
>
> ***National Assembly for Wales:***
> *We request the Health and Social Committee of the National
> Assembly to undertake a scrutiny inquiry into the ambulance
> service in rural Wales. We would urge the Committee to investigate
> the particular problems in Monmouth and the impact of the closure
> of the Monnow Vale Minor Injuries Unit on the ambulance service.*
>
> ***Welsh Government:***
> *We urge the Minister for Health and social Care to use her powers
> to require the Wales NHS Ambulance Trust to provide a uniformly
> high standard of ambulance provision throughout Wales and
> especially rural areas such as Monmouthshire.*
>
> ***Welsh Ambulance NHS Trust:***
> *We urge Welsh Ambulance NHS Trust to increase provision for
> Monmouth in real terms, with a high dependency unit and/or
> ambulance based within Monmouth town.*

The petition was submitted by Matthew Davies and collected 42 signatures.

The Committee resolved to write to you to seek your views on the petition, and in particular on the action the petition calls on the Health and Social Care Committee to take.

The Committee will also be seeking the views of the Minister for Health and Social Services and the Welsh Ambulance NHS Trust, and will consider the petition further once responses have been received.

Yours sincerely,

William Powell
Committee Chair