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Mr Mike Hedges AM
Chair of the Petitions Committee
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Dear Mr Hedges

Re: Petition P-04-682 Routine Screening for Type 1 Diabetes in Children and Young People

Many thanks for asking Cardiff and Vale UHB to respond to this petition which has 'called the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to introduce routine screening for Type 1 Diabetes in children and young people'.

I note that this was discussed at your meeting on 14 February 2017 and the Committee agreed to write to us to request information on our diagnosis and referral pathway for Type 1 Diabetes and Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) in children and young people.

This is the response to this question provided by Dr Justin Warner who is the Consultant Clinical Lead for Cardiff and Vale UHB diabetes service for children and young people:

The Children's and Young Peoples Diabetes Network for Wales has also been consulted about this petition and the possibility of routine screening for Type 1 diabetes. A network response has already been provided on behalf of the network by the Chair Dr Christopher Bidder (attached).

The pathway of referral in Cardiff and Vale UHB is that any child who sees their GP or any other healthcare professional where a potential diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes is considered should be referred immediately to the Children's Admission Unit based at the Children's Hospital for Wales, Cardiff. The admissions unit have a protocol for the assessment of a child with potential Type 1 diabetes and the diagnosis is made immediately.

There are pathways for children that present with pre-existing DKA (~25%) and for those who don't. Every child is admitted to a paediatric ward where the DKA is treated, if necessary, using an all Wales integrated pathway or started on subcutaneous insulin also using an all Wales pathway. Most children would stay in hospital for 3 days where a package of structured education is delivered using the recently established SEREN programme (Network Structured Education Programme for Children with Diabetes in Wales). The programme is delivered by expert doctors, nurses, dietitians and psychologists who are all part of a paediatric diabetes MDT. Following discharge support is provided by the specialist MDT and an initial follow up appointment within 2 weeks for a specialised clinic and 3 monthly thereafter according to NICE guidance.

Yours sincerely



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