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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 18 October on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding Petition P-04-408 and the provision of Eating Disorder Services.

Eating disorders are debilitating long-term conditions which affect not only the individual but their family and friends. This is why ensuring services are able to react quickly and effectively to support the individual when they need it is a priority. To ensure this, in recent years we have invested £1million to establish adult treatment teams including £250,000 to improve provision for children and young people and most recently £500,000 recurrently from this year to strengthen the links between children's and adult services.

Our Together for Mental Health Delivery Plan 2016-2019 includes a commitment to consider reviewing the Eating Disorder Framework for Wales which was first published in 2009, in the light of new National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidance 'Eating disorders: recognition and treatment NICE guideline' [NG69] published in May 2017. The new guidance aims to improve care people by detailing the most effective treatments for anorexia nervosa, binge eating and bulimia nervosa.

My officials are currently in the process of discussing with health boards and others how best to take forward the review. I would expect the issues you raise to be considered as part of wider consideration on how services are currently delivered and what, if any changes are needed to ensure they are able to meet the best practice contained in the new NICE guidelines.

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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 information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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