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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1229
Ein cyf/Our ref EM/13837/21

Jack Sargeant MS
Chair - Petitions committee

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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 5 November on behalf of the Petitions Committee referring to Petition P-06-1229 Increase funding for Gender Identity Clinics in Wales from Rosie Williams seeking my views on the issues it raises.

The Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) as the Commissioner of the Welsh Gender Service is working closely with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to expand the Welsh Gender Service. Additional funding has been provided to the Welsh Gender Service to increase capacity, reduce waiting times and increase expertise over 3 years. The investment also focuses on the development of a satellite clinic in north Wales.

Whilst I recognise there is more work to do, in 2020-21 the Welsh Gender Service reduced the waiting list by 6 months with plans in place to reduce that further over the next few years. The service has also successfully recruited professionals with additional expertise, for instance, to undertake surgical assessments which would have previously required a referral to the London based Gender Identity Clinic hosted by The Tavistock & Portman NHS Foundation Trust.

I hope this provides reassurance that we are making progress in the phased implementation and development of the Wales Gender Service in Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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