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Jack Sargeant MS
Chair - Petitions committee

26 January 2022

Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 7 January on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding the renaming of the George Thomas Hospital.

I was sorry to read about the concerns expressed by the petition, however, it is not within the gift of the Welsh Government to insist upon a change of name for the hospital. This would be a matter for Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board.

The petitioners may therefore wish to bring their concerns to the attention of health board members, who form the senior decision-making body within the health board and whose duties include establishing its culture and values. Contact details are as follows:

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

It will then be for health board to decide whether to take forward the petitioners' request. However, the petitioners should be aware that any discussions about a change of name would need to include the cost implications for health board; for example, changes to signage (for both buildings and vehicles) and stationery, and implications for IT and contracts. There would also be considerable staff time involved in meeting and planning to decide and incorporate the new name at a time when the NHS is understandably focused on addressing and recovering from the ongoing pandemic.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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