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**Health and Social Care
Committee**

Eluned Morgan MS
Minister for Health and Social Services
Welsh Government

17 February 2022

Dear Eluned

Hospital discharge and its impact on patient flow through hospitals

As part of our inquiry into hospital discharge and its impact on patient flow through hospitals, we took evidence from representatives of Care and Repair Cymru at our meeting on 14 February 2022.

During the session, we heard about the innovative *Hospital to a Healthier Home* (H2HH) service and the vital role it plays in ensuring that older people are discharged from hospital into a home fit for their needs. We understand that the Welsh Government has commissioned the service nationally until the end of this financial year, and that subsequent funding for the continuation of the service in each health board area is a local decision for individual health boards.

Care and Repair told us that, as at 14 February, only one health board has committed to fund the service in its area in the next financial year, and that unless it receives confirmation of funding from other health boards soon, it will need to begin making arrangements to decommission services, including putting staff on notice of redundancy.

**Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament**

We believe this vital service should continue and that it is not acceptable that the charity is left with this uncertainty so close to the end of the current funding arrangements. We want to see sustainable long term funding for such good practice schemes. We therefore ask you to do what you can to ensure that health boards provide clarity on their funding intentions as a matter of urgency.

We have also written to health board Chief Executives in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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