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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1480
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Carolyn Thomas MS
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14 November 2024

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 16 October regarding Petition P-06-1480 Make menopause a mandatory part of the curriculum for all healthcare sciences and medical students.

The General Medical Council (GMC) sets the standards expected of medical training organisations and the outcomes students and doctors in training should achieve. Under the overall supervision of the GMC, every university, medical faculty and medical school has its own syllabus and regulations for the course of study in medicine.

The Welsh Government is committed to improving menopause services. In February 2023, the All-Wales Menopause Task and Finish Group, which brought together professional groups, NHS, patient voices, Welsh Government policy leads and advisors, published its [report](#).

The NHS Executive has established a National Strategic Clinical Network for Women's Health. The network, under the leadership of the National Clinical lead for Women's Health, is developing the 10-year *Women's Health Plan for Wales*, which will be published in December. The task and finish group's recommendations will feed into the development of the plan.

Learning about menstrual wellbeing and conditions which can affect the reproductive system, including menopause, starts at school age and is mandatory for pupils through the new Curriculum for Wales framework.

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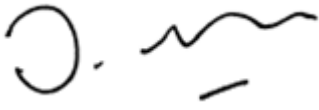
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a series of wavy lines and a short horizontal stroke at the end.

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