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Peter Fox MS
Chair
Health and Social Care Committee

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Dear Peter

Thank you for your letter dated 4 June 2025 asking for an update on the meeting that I had with the Chair of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board following the publication of the UHW theatres internal service review.

I met with the Chair of the health board, along with members of the Executive team on 8 May to discuss the report and to seek assurances that the issues identified will be addressed at pace and that immediate action has been taken to ensure that the immediate safety risks and quality issues have been addressed.

I am concerned about many of the issues raised in this service review and the failure of the health board to take appropriate, timely and corrective action. I confirmed with the Chair that I expect the Board to take appropriate and immediate action in response to the recommendations, ensuring staff are fully supported as they make the necessary improvements.

The Chief Medical Officer and Chief Nursing Officer visited the service shortly after publication of the report. This has resulted in some all-Wales actions including a multiprofessional learning event on surgical safety and exploring the current learning development offer. These will support improvements in Cardiff and across other health boards in Wales.

I received a letter from the Chair of the health board on 5 June. The letter provided an overview of the Board discussion on 29 May 2025 and confirmed the Board's intention to agree a detailed response and action plan in July 2025. The [covering report, a brief setting the context of the work and the actions undertaken so far](#), the [improvement plan approach and design](#), the [letter received from HIW](#) and the review itself were all discussed in the meeting and simultaneously made available to the public.

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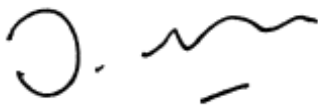
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Whilst I understand that the Board needs time to develop an effective response to this service review, I have urged them to proceed with pace given the volume and scale of the recommendations to be taken forward. The health board have committed to sending me a copy of the final action plan at the end of July, together with an update on tranche zero and tranche 1 in early July. Officials will monitor the health board progress closely and the health board are required to provide progress reports every two months.

I hope this provides the committee with the assurances they require.

Yours sincerely,

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

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