



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1456
Ein cyf/Our ref JMHSC/00229/26

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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 27 January about Petition P-06-P-06-1456 regarding plans to consolidate delivery of Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Services (EMRTS) Cymru services from a new base in North Wales.

The NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) has responsibility for decisions about the commissioning of EMRTS Cymru.

In response to your question about timelines, at the most recent meeting of the JCC on 27 January, committee members reviewed progress and agreed the next steps. The Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust is carrying out a detailed review of how ambulance services operate in rural areas, which will help shape updated proposals including:

- How the ambulance service can continue to meet the needs of rural populations; and
- How service models need to be aligned with the updated Welsh Government National Emergency Ambulance Services Performance Framework, which prioritises patient outcomes and clinical needs instead of just focusing on response times.

This work will be central to developing a refreshed proposal for recommendation four.

In terms of a timeline for development of proposals for a bespoke road-based service, the JCC has been clear this will be considered alongside the development of its Integrated Medium-Term Plan (IMTP) for 2026–29. It would be inappropriate for me to comment on any proposals before they are considered by the JCC.

In terms of the consolidation of services delivered from a new base, the Wales Air Ambulance charity, which is responsible for aircraft, pilots, and base facilities, is developing transition plans linked to the future of its current bases at Caernarfon and Welshpool. To

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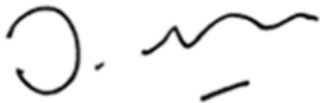
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maintain continuity of service, options such as temporary lease extensions for the existing bases are being explored.

While final timelines cannot yet be confirmed due to ongoing commercial discussions, the JCC expects to receive further information from the charity this month, after which public updates will be provided.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Miles', with a stylized flourish.

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