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Dear Chair

We are writing jointly as BMA Cymru Wales and RCN Wales following the Senedd debate on 10 December 2025 on petition P-06-1534, End Corridor Care in Wales.

During the debate, Members of the Senedd from across the Siambr highlighted the scale and normalisation of corridor care in hospitals across Wales, describing patients being treated in inappropriate locations such as corridors, makeshift waiting areas, and other unsuitable spaces. The discussion made clear that this is no longer an occasional response to pressure but has become a regular feature of the system. Members also emphasised the lack of reliable public data on corridor care and the need for a whole-system approach to address the pressures driving it.

We wrote to the Petitions Committee on 18 December 2025, reiterating concerns that 'emergency measures' are being absorbed into routine practice across health boards, with insufficient assurance that current efforts will prevent deterioration. While the petition has now closed, we'd like to reiterate these concerns and believe further scrutiny is both urgent and justified.

We therefore ask the Health and Social Care Committee to consider undertaking work on this issue through one of two routes. The first, **a short inquiry before this May's Senedd election**. Even a concise piece of work would allow the Committee to examine the current extent and impact of corridor care, take evidence from frontline NHS workers, patients

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and those managing the health service to produce recommendations that could influence action in the interests of patient safety and NHS Wales staff wellbeing.

In recognition of timing ahead of the election, we would secondly welcome a commitment to a full inquiry early in the next Senedd term. In that case, we would ask that the **Committee's legacy report explicitly identifies corridor care as an area requiring post-election scrutiny**. This would ensure a clear and formal link between the petition, the December debate and continued monitoring of the issue. It would also provide the necessary continuity so that this issue does not fall away as the Senedd moves through the election and transition into the new Term.

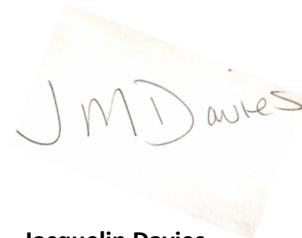
Corridor care is one of the most visible signs of a health system under profound strain. No patient should be treated in an unsafe or undignified environment, and no doctor, nurse or health care professional should be required to work in conditions that put both patients and staff at risk. We therefore urge yourself and the Committee to consider these options, and we would be pleased to provide any further information or evidence the Committee may find helpful.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,



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