

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board Response

Dear Ms. Marshall,

I refer to Mr. W. Powell's letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 seeking information relating to MS Specialist Nurses.

Within ABM the current nurse staffing compliment for the MS service is 4 wte MS Nurses. 3.5 wte of this staffing establishment is recurrently funded and 0.5 wte is funded by the MS Society until Nov 2012. The Health Board is currently exploring options to continue the funding for the 0.5 wte once the MS society funding ceases, but we are unable to confirm this commitment at the current time.

Across all of our clinical services we are setting the challenge to clinical teams to explore options and opportunities for delivering improved quality of care to patients within a reducing financial envelope, the HB recognizes the important part that the MS nursing team plays in provision of care for patients with MS across south west wales, but cannot commit to exclude the MS service from a process which all services within the HB are required to go through.

I hope this provides the information you require, but if you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**Director of Planning.**