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Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Copy sent to Russell George MS, Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee

17 October 2024

Dear Carol,

Petition P-06-1350 Re-open Dyfi Ward at Tywyn Hospital now

As you may be aware, the Petitions Committee considered the above petition from Jane Eleanor Seddon Barraclough for a fifth time at its 30 September meeting.

Members of the Committee noted that it is unusual to have to keep writing back and forth to the Health Board on this issue for 18 months, and share the petitioners' frustration at still not have achieved a positive outcome.

While Members recognise there are clear issues relating to recruitment and retention, the Committee would like to see more honesty and clarity from the Health Board about those challenges and whether it is possible to provide the service or not, and to be upfront about what it considers to be the best model of care in the circumstances. The Committee would also appreciate information on how the service used to be provided, where is it currently being provided, and what numbers of in-patients are requiring the service. In discussion it was noted that a safe and sustainable model of quality care is preferable to poor local care.

As Senedd scrutiny of health boards' performance is primarily a matter for the Health and Social Care Committee, you will note that this letter has been copied to the Chair of that Committee. We look forward to receiving a satisfactory response.

The full details of the Committee's consideration of the petition, including the correspondence and the actions agreed by the Committee can be found here:

<https://business.senedd.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=41442>

I would be grateful if you could send your response by e-mail to the clerking team at petitions@senedd.wales.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the 'n'.

Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

