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Dear David,

Petition P-05-763 Introduced updated stroke advice – BEFAST – and help lives and livelihoods.

I am writing following the letter dated 22 May seeking my views on the petition received by the Petitions Committee to update stroke advice to BEFAST.

I have referred your letter to the Stroke Implementation Group (SIG) for advice. The SIG met on 15 June and has advised that Stroke clinicians in Wales follow best practice in line with NICE guidance which currently recommends using the FAST tool. Evidence in support of BEFAST would appear to be limited and as such the SIG cannot endorse its use in Wales at this time.

However, SIG will continue to monitor use of the tool and should the situation change, will of course be happy to reconsider.

Yours sincerely,

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