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Dear Altaf

**Your meeting with RNIB Cymru**

Thanks very much for letting me knowing about your recent discussion with RNIB.

The 57% of people waiting to be seen for an eye appointment who are now deemed at risk of losing their sight because of the amount of time they have been waiting is pretty scary. This is probably best followed up by the Health Committee as a lot of this will be about the efficiency with which eye patients are being appropriately triaged to the full range of eye clinicians and the extent they are using IT images taken by the high street optometrist to flag up people that need to be seen urgently. So I will pass on your letter to Russell George as Chair of the Health Committee.

All the other issues are important equality concerns which we can include in our discussions at our next strategy meeting in September.

Yours sincerely,



Jenny Rathbone MS

Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee

CC Russell George MS, Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.