



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1399
Ein cyf/Our ref EM/00165/24

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Chair - Petitions Committee
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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 18 January on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding Petition P-06-1399 about the mandatory inclusion of a premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD) within postgraduate medical teaching.

We recognise the need to raise awareness of the existence and symptoms of PMDD and the devastating impact it may have on those who suffer from it. However, decisions about the content of training for healthcare workers, including postgraduate medical teaching, are the responsibility of the relevant professional bodies and not something in which the Welsh Government may intervene.

We are working with the NHS Executive to explore expanding online menstrual health information and guidance, inclusive of PMDD. Our Quality Statement for Women and Girls' Health sets out what health boards are expected to deliver to ensure good quality health services to support women and girls across Wales and we have funded pelvic health and well-being coordinators in each health board to signpost women to appropriate services.

We have also tasked NHS Wales to develop a comprehensive 10-year women's health plan. This will act as the vehicle for transforming the care received by the women of Wales throughout the course of their lives. The plan will be developed by the Women's Health Network, which will be asked to engage with the International Association for Premenstrual Disorders as part of this process.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I hope this information is helpful for you and your petitioner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. E. Morgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
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