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Dear Mr Powell

Automated External Defibrillators

I am writing to provide further views and information regarding the work which is ongoing in Cardiff and Vale UHB. As pointed out in the correspondence from Mark Drakeford, the Heart Disease Delivery Plan in Chapter 3 (Fast and Effective Care) calls for a review of provision of defibrillators in public places and community first responders within LHB areas, ensuring there is liaison with WAST and the British Heart Foundation and that there is adequate provision of training and an effective first responder in place.

I am aware of information from our Public Health colleagues that work in the Observatory is being completed on a national basis, which we will be translating locally into a needs assessment requirement of this plan. We will be looking into a local review for the provision of defibrillators in public places which will need to take into account population need and characteristics of the local community.

I am also aware of our planning department specifically taking this work forward, which will identify gaps between our current need and provision.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive