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David Rees AM
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Health and Social Care Committee

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Dear David

I refer to your letter of 24th October and the further information requested regarding mortality case note reviews and the reconfiguration of health board services.

With regard to the mortality review process, considerable work continues to be undertaken by all organisations to develop a consistent and sustainable process across NHS Wales. Part of this work includes developing a robust reporting framework which needs to ensure the provision of qualitative information to be able to evidence improvement as well as a set of meaningful quantitative measures. In the first instance it is our intention to capture this in the All-Wales Annual Quality Statement which we anticipate will be published in the New Year.

The Minister for Health and Social Services announced on 10 November the publication of the report he commissioned from Mrs Ann Lloyd CBE of lessons learned following the completion of the first phase of service reconfiguration in Wales. A link to Mrs Lloyd's report and to the Minister's written statement to all Assembly Members is given below:

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2014/nhslessonslearned/?lang=en>

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/health/publications/health/reports/service-change/?lang=en>

Yours sincerely

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