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Mr William Powell, AM Chair Petitions Committee National Assembly for Wales Cardiff Bay Cardiff CF99 1NA

Dear Mr Powell

P-04-532 – Improving Specialised Neuromuscular Services in Wales

Thank you for your letter following consideration at your recent meeting of initial Health Board responses to the above. In your letter you requested a view from the Health Board on how the benefits of providing additional neuromuscular consultant time (as suggested by Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board as part of the original call for evidence) could be realised across Wales.

In relation to this service area, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board works with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and Cwm Taf University Health Board to provide a South East Wales service.

Aneurin Bevan and Cardiff and Vale University Health Boards provide one session each of consultant time for specialist nerve/muscle disorders. These two sessions per week for South East Wales provides a basic service.

The Health Board is currently refreshing its Integrated Medium Term Plan (IMTP) which is the mechanism for reviewing and prioritising service developments. We will seek the advice of the Nuromuscular Network on this

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issue and raise this matter with colleagues in Cardiff and Vale and Cwm Taf Health Boards to seek their views and agree a way forward.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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