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Nick Ramsay AM
Chair
Public Accounts Committee

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Dear Mr Ramsay

Hospital Catering and Patient Nutrition

With reference to the Public Accounts Committee meeting on Monday 4th December 2017 regarding Hospital Catering and Patient Nutrition, the Clerk of the Committee requested a response to the following agreed action:

- send further information regarding the timelines for the rollout of the new national system for social care (WCCIS) and the All Wales catering system.

Wales Community Care Information System (WCCIS)

There are currently nine Local Authorities live on the system along with Powys Teaching Health Board. An additional three Local Authorities are due to adopt the system in early 2018. Implementation of the WCCIS system within Health Boards will be the main focus of the programme over the next two financial years. Five Health Boards are actively progressing deployment orders for the system which, once signed, will confirm their implementation timescales.

I can now confirm that the Gateway Review gave a Delivery Confidence Assessment of Amber and planning is underway to ensure the key actions recommended in the report are implemented in a timely manner.

All Wales catering system

It has been agreed that NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) and NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS) will work in partnership to procure and implement a Wales wide National Nutrition and Catering IT Solution (NNCIS) in line with the following formal timeline. Beyond the preparation and professional sign off process:

- January 2018 - will initiate the detailed formal specification of the system to be used within the procurement process.
- September 2018 - OJEU procurement process will commence, with award of the framework taking place in June 2019.
- June 2019 – the new NNCIS will be developed, tested and trialled within one Health Board
- October 2019 – framework will be made available for NHS Wales organisations to call-off from. Implementation within a Board or Trust will need to be aligned with the organisation's own broader catering service improvement plans.

I hope this letter provides you with the information required.

Yours sincerely



Dr Andrew Goodall