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Dear Dr Goodall

NHS Wales Informatics Services

Thank you for your letter of 22 November 2019 which was discussed in the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee on 6 January.

Whilst Members noted that you will be providing regular updates on the appointment process for the Chief Digital Officer, they have requested that a progress report be sent on receipt of this letter. They wish that response to include details of how the roles of the Chief Digital Officer, Chief Information Officer and the Chief Clinical Information Officer fit together and, in the interests of value for money for the taxpayer, clear evidence that there is no duplication between these roles. I would also like to see a timetable for the facilitation of the appointment.

I am also aware that following the evidence session held on 4 November 2019, Andrew Griffiths announced he was stepping down from his role in NWIS on 5 November. I would have expected the Committee to have been advised of this.

Additionally, whilst noting the explanation for such issues that can occur for patients when two practices using different clinical systems merge, under GDPR, I would have assumed that the same security arrangements apply and welcome the fact that you have asked NWIS to look at how this process can be made easier for



patients. I would welcome further clarification on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Darren Millar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Darren Millar AM
Chair (Temporary)

