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Dear Sirs,

**Re: Response of HEIW to the consultation in respect of the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales ) Bill ("Quality Bill")**

To assist the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee in its undertaking of a consultation process in respect of the above Quality Bill, I am pleased to outline below the response of HEIW's Board in respect of the matter.

*Strengthen duty of quality.* HEIW welcomes the proposal and recognises that it will also have a lead role to play in the delivery and commissioning of education and training on this duty for the post graduate medical, undergraduate health professional workforce of NHS Wales.

*Organisational duty of candour.* HEIW welcomes the proposal. While HEIW will not have a direct contact with patients, we recognise that we will have a lead role to play in the delivery and commissioning of education and training on this duty for the post graduate medical, undergraduate health professional workforce of NHS Wales.

*Enabling the appointment of Vice Chairs for NHS Trusts by Welsh Ministers.* HEIW would respectfully request that the Quality Bill also enable Welsh Ministers to appoint the Vice Chairs for Special Health Authorities. As HEIW is a Special Health Authority this would enable Welsh Ministers to appoint our Vice

• Chairman/Cadeirydd: Dr Chris Jones

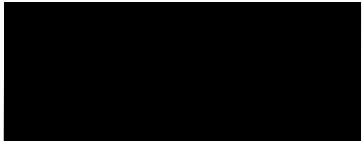
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Chair. This would have the advantage of bringing HEIW in line with the current position for Health Boards, together with the proposal under the Quality Bill for NHS Trusts.

*New Citizen Voice Body for Health and Social Care in Wales.* We recognise and welcome the role of the new Citizen Voice Body. We feel the new body should be adequately resourced and that the right level of access and co-operation should be strengthened. It is further recommended that there should be a clarity in respect of the mechanisms to deal with fundamental disagreements between local, regional and national matters.

Yours faithfully,



Board Secretary  
HEIW