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Darren Millar AM  
Chair, Public Accounts Committee  
National Assembly for Wales

Dear Darren

I write further to my letter of 8 May 2015. The Committee will be aware that the Health Board was informed by the North Wales Police on 21 May 2015 that they had concluded their investigations into the care of patients on the Tawel Fan Ward in the Ablett Unit at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. The Police met with the families to inform them of the outcome on May 26 and 27. At the same time we made arrangements for the families to have a copy of the Ockenden Report. The Health Board then published the Ockenden Report and held a press conference on May 28.

The Ockenden Report, the Health Board's response and the actions that will now be taken will form a major part of the Board meeting on June 9. We clearly and rightly must give this as much time as we need given the gravity of the issues regarding the Tawel Fan Ward.

In addition, we will also be taking a paper on the Out of Hours report and an update on Obstetrics and Gynaecology services.

As a consequence, we earlier this week reviewed the Board agenda and papers and decided to defer two items until our Board meeting on 14 July to allow sufficient time for these serious and important matters.

Ann Lloyd's report is one of the items that we have therefore deferred until our July Board meeting. This will allow us the time as a Board to give the Report full and proper consideration. As I stated in my letter of 8 May, we will also be taking a report that provides an update on progress since Ann's work was completed and a consolidated update on governance that incorporates Ann's findings together with the follow up report by WAO/HIW of July 2014, last year's structured assessment recommendations from the WAO and the earlier PAC report. The deferment will also allow us some additional time to further develop the report that the Board will receive and consider.

The papers for our July Board meeting will be published on 7 July.

Yours sincerely

**Dr Peter Higson**  
**Chairman**