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Dear Dr Lloyd

Re: Grange University Hospital

I refer to your letter dated 22nd September 2020 regarding the provision of rest facilities at the Grange University Hospital (GUH).

The Health Board is currently in detailed discussions with representatives of the medical workforce on the provision of in- shift and post- shift rest facilities in line with the relatively new All Wales Fatigue and Facilities Charter agreed with the BMA.

Currently there are rooms spread throughout the hospital that can be used for rest if required. Naturally there is also a dedicated junior doctors' mess with kitchen facilities and a range of chairs and recliners.

The facilities at the GUH do not replicate what is provided on other sites as the service delivery and workforce models have changed i.e. very few junior doctors are now on call and therefore require on call bedrooms for this purpose. However we recognise the importance and benefits of providing appropriate rest facilities for our staff and the impact this can have on patient care.

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To this end it has been agreed to provide twenty seven sleep pods within the Wellbeing and Education Centre located within the GUH in readiness for the early opening in November 2020. This will be an interim measure pending further discussions on a more permanent solution.

I hope this gives you assurance that the Health Board is committed to delivering rest facilities at the GUH in accordance with the principles of the Fatigue and Facilities Charter.

Yours sincerely



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