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Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 12 June on behalf of the Petitions Committee, referring to Petition P-04-362 (ambulance services in Monmouth), and asking for more information on my response to the Strategic Review of Welsh Ambulance Services and the timeframe for implementation.

My officials are currently looking into the different options of the review as a matter of urgency. Some of the options will potentially involve structural, workforce matters, plus other issues which can be complex, and we will need to identify appropriate timescales for any changes. The process will link into the wider unscheduled care work programme, but have a separate work-stream.

I will ensure the NHS is fully engaged and I want Local Health Boards to own the changes in collaboration with the ambulance service. I am very mindful that we need to be sensitive to the organisation and its staff, as I have no doubt the uncertainty will be causing them some anxiety. I can assure you that I want any changes to be made as rapidly as possible.

I expect to make an announcement in July.

Best wishes
Mark

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