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Dear Mr Powell

Thank you for your letter dated 11 July 2013 with regard to a petition to ensure that Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are available in all Welsh public places to ensure rapid treatment of any victim of cardiac arrest.

The Health Board, through the North Wales Cardiac Network, is currently working in partnership with the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust (WAST) and the British Heart Foundation (BHF) to develop a strategy to widen access to AEDs. This means reviewing the location of AEDs, ensuring public access to AEDs as well as raising awareness amongst the general public.

The newly published Welsh Government Plans, 'Together for Health – A Heart Disease Delivery Plan (2013-2016)', sets clearly the requirement for us as a Health Board to review our plans with regard to the provision of AEDs in public places. This work is under way in partnership with WAST and BHF. Progress will be included in the Health Board's Local Heart Disease Delivery Plans/North Wales Cardiac Network Work Programme to 2016.

If you would like further information with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Catrin Hanks, North Wales Cardiac Network Manager on 01745 448586 ext 2283/2284.

Yours sincerely

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