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Dear Mr Powell

Re: Petitions Committee Re P-04-494: Urology Robot

Thank you for your letter dated 23rd July 2013 concerning the petition from Professor Kevin Davies regarding robotic assisted laparoscopic prostatectomy. The current position within Aneurin Bevan University Health Board is that we do not fund patients for this robotic surgery, but provide open prostatectomy with good clinical outcomes (as per NICE recommended options).

You will, however, be aware that Cardiff and Vale have recently submitted a proposal to the Welsh Government to introduce such technology and are likely to be procuring the robot in the near future with further building works and clinical training planned in 2014.

Current NICE guidance does not recommend that all radical prostatectomies are undertaken by a robot however Aneurin Bevan has remained supportive in principle of the bid and our clinicians will look to assess the outcomes of this new technology and potential benefits to patients and how it can be developed as a network solution for South Wales.

Yours sincerely

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