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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Petitions Committee and Professor Kevin Davies MBE, regarding the availability of robotic assisted laparoscopic prostatectomy to treat prostate cancer. I note you have also forwarded the petitioner's letter to Adam Cairns, Chief Executive of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, for a response.

The primary robot based at the University Hospital of Wales is being used to treat patients in south Wales and the west, covering all health boards except Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board; north Wales patients can be referred to Manchester's Christie Hospital.

With regard to inter-health board referrals, financial modelling of several charging options has been prepared with the intention of ensuring equity of access, proper governance and financial sustainability for this service. These draft options have been circulated to all six health boards in south and mid Wales and are due to be considered at the next meeting of the Robotic Surgery Programme Board scheduled for 28 January.

I am pleased to report the secondary robot console for training clinicians is also now in use at University Hospital of Wales. I hope this response is helpful.

Best wishes,

Mark.

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