

Y Pwyllgor Deisebau
Petitions Committee

David Rees AM
Chair of the Health and Social Care
Committee
National Assembly for Wales
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Cardiff Bay

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Our ref: P-04-625

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Petition Title – P 04-625 Support for Safe Nursing Staffing levels (Wales) Bill

Dear David

The Petitions Committee has been considering the following petition from Richard Jones MBE, which has collected 1,579 Signatures and which I know your Committee is aware of.

We the undersigned call upon Members of the National Assembly for Wales Health and Social Care Committee to vote in favour of the Safe Nursing Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill once it is introduced into the Assembly.

Additional Information

Kirsty Williams AM is soon going to be introducing the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill into the National Assembly for Wales. This bill would enshrine in law Chief Nursing Officer in Wales' core principles regarding staffing levels on all medical and surgical wards. The Royal College of Nursing believes that this piece of legislation is necessary to improve patient safety and will help to restore patients faith in the Welsh NHS as well as ensuring that patients in hospitals in Wales receive the nursing care and attention they need and deserve and allows Nurses to be able to deliver care to the standard that they are trained and want to deliver.

At the Committee's meeting on 24 March Members agreed to formally refer the petition to The Health and Social Care Committee asking for it to be taken into

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account when drawing up your stage 1 report on the Safe Nursing Staff Levels (Wales) Bill.

We also ask that you keep us informed of progress and the point at which you decide to close the petition so that we can keep the petitioner informed.

If you would like any further information on this petition, please contact the Committee Clerking Team at SeneddPetitions@assembly.wales or on (029) 2089 8421. I would be grateful if your response could be sent electronically to the email address above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Powell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'W'.

William Powell AC / AM
Cadeirydd / Chair