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Dear Ms Phillips

Protecting MS Specialist Nurse posts - P-04-342

Thank you for the letter from William Powell AM dated 22 March 2012 and the copy of the letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services.

We are satisfied by the assurances made by the Minister in this letter that there are no specific "proposals to reduce the current number of dedicated MS nurses."

We believe that the interventions by the Petition Committee have helped to raise the profile of the role of specialist nurses in Wales and that this has helped the long term security of these positions.

The letters that the committee have sent to the Health Boards and to the Minister have resulted in written reassurances that were previously not available. We still have concerns about the shortage of specialist nurses in North Wales and the long term security of posts in West Wales, but at this stage we would be content for the committee to close the petition.

Thank you considering our petition and investigating our concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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