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Dyddiad / Date: 23rd July 2019

Dear Nesta,

I am writing further to your email dated 17th June 2019 in relation to the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Bill.

Firstly, thank you for the opportunity for the Health Board to review and comment on the new Bill.

The Health Board welcomes the Bill which heightens the focus and accountability for the quality of care, underpinned by the duty of candour. In terms of the various parts of the Bill:

Part 1

The Health Board have no comment

Part 2

The reference contained within Part 2 to the requirement to produce Annual Reports (by the various bodies) is similar to that of the AQS, and therefore this needs to be aligned to the NHS bodies Annual Reporting cycle. However due regard will need to be taken particularly in the first year of production in order to ensure the necessary systems are in place to capture the data that will be required.

Part 3

Is there an expectation that the Annual Reports to be produced in respect of the duty of candour (by Primary Care providers and then subsequently by the LHB producing a composite report) separate from the Annual Quality report referred to in Part 2? If this is not the case, then the timescales for production of the report will need to be reflected accordingly.

It is important to consider whether or not mechanisms exist for primary care providers to prepare the duty of candour reports. This part of the Bill may take longer to implement if those systems are not in place already.



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Section 9 should reference compliance with the Data Protection Act.

Part 4

The Health Board welcomes the development of the Citizens Voice Body, in particular its scope across both Health and Social Care underpinned by robust Corporate Governance arrangements. We are keen to understand more in relation to the Citizen Voice Body.

With reference to membership, is it anticipated that the seven Members referred to will be drawn one from each Local Health Board area.

The Health Board welcomes the new legislation and recognises how it will strengthen the quality in Welsh Health and Social Care. We look forward to the changes it will help bring in terms of organisational culture and behaviour. Furthermore, we anticipate the new legislation supporting delivery on the vision of a healthier Wales.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. BARTON'.

**Acting Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery
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