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Dea M. Paul

PETITION: AMBULANCE SERVICES IN MONMOUTH

You wrote to me on 21 May following my earlier correspondence with the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee in respect of the petition on the provision of ambulance services in Monmouthshire.

At the time, I confirmed that I was conducting follow-up work on unscheduled care services to gauge the progress that health boards and the Welsh Ambulance Services Trust were making against the recommendations in my previous report "Unscheduled Care: A Whole Systems' Approach". I indicated then that the findings of the work would be reported, in the first instance, to the health bodies concerned but that I also intended to publish a national summary. I can confirm that that remains my intention though the timing has slipped slightly from my original plan to publish the summary in 2012. That is largely a consequence of other demands for review work that have emerged during the year which were not included in my original plan and which have necessarily diverted resources from other work.

I now expect to publish the national summary report during the first quarter of 2013 and will ensure that your Committee receives a copy of it.

I hope this is useful but if I can be of any further help, please do let me know.

To ready

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