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Dear Bill

Thank you for your letter of 27 February on behalf of the Petitions Committee, enclosing copies of correspondence from Alan Rogers about the Charitable Chaplaincy Campaign.

I understand Mr Rogers has written to the Welsh Government on numerous occasions about this matter and recognise he is concerned about the costs incurred by Health Boards in providing spiritual care services. However, hospital chaplains offer spiritual care not only to members of faith communities but also to the majority of patients, carers and staff who have no association whatsoever with any religious group, yet may still wish to talk about and share their feelings at a vulnerable time. They are part of the core team of people in the health service who provide vital support to people in times of need.

For these reasons, I believe the best way to ensure patients and staff throughout Wales have the appropriate access to those services is to continue to support them financially through the NHS.

I hope this is helpful.

Regards  
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