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Welsh Government

**Darren Millar AM**  
Chair  
Public Accounts Committee

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Dear Darren

### **BCUHB Escalation Status**

I am writing to inform you of the Escalation and Intervention arrangements in Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

Following a tripartite meeting between the Welsh Government, Wales Audit Office and Healthcare Inspectorate Wales, on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October, to discuss Escalation and Intervention arrangements in BCUHB, it was felt that the health board needed support to ensure it was able to address the challenges it faces. At the meeting it was agreed that the escalation status should be raised to the category of 'Targeted Intervention'. It was necessary to agree this approach with the Minister for Health and Social Services and as a result yesterday Simon Dean wrote to the health board to inform them of the decision.

The aim of this intervention is to provide help and support to the health board by ensuring that plans are developed which will address their challenges with urgency; and that capacity to deliver the necessary actions is put in place quickly.

I appreciate that it is not the normal practice to write to the Committee on the day of an evidence session, but I felt that providing the Committee with some advance notification of the action taken yesterday, following the meeting with regulators, would help inform the discussion. I will, of course, be happy to provide more detail at the Committee session.

Yours sincerely

**Dr Andrew Goodall**