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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 23 April regarding Petition P-04-0494 and the availability of robotic-assisted laparoscopic prostatectomy for Welsh patients.

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board has considered the provision of robotic-assisted procedures for its population. In order to ensure patients from North Wales are treated at a centre which meets national guidelines for the safe number of procedures carried out, patients are referred to Manchester's Christie Hospital.

I am unclear what is being asked in your letter when it enquires what provision is available at Manchester's Christie Hospital. As the committee is aware, patients from North Wales can be referred there for robotic-assisted laparoscopic prostatectomy. I attach a link to the Christie NHS Foundation Trust website which provides further information:

<http://www.christie.nhs.uk/our-services/surgery/robotic-radical-prostatectomy.aspx>

The cost of referring patients to this facility is a matter for the health board and I would urge you to contact it in order to further your enquiries.

Best wishes,
Mark.

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