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Eich cyf/Your ref P-04-671
Ein cyf/Our ref MD/00039/16

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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 6 January on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding petition P-04-671 in support of the legalising assisted dying.

I note the issues raised in the petition. As Joshua Smith is aware, this issue is not devolved to Wales.

The principles behind Lord Falconer's Assisted Dying Bill were debated in the National Assembly for Wales in December last year; Assembly Members' contributions were well-researched and considered and covered the range of arguments for and against the Bill. In the event, the principles underlying the Bill were not supported by AMs.

Given the controversial and moral issues involved, we have agreed with the UK Government's intention to adopt a neutral position and this remains the case.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark".

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