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Ref: CS/AL/MP/sj

11th January 2016

Mr William Powell AM
Chair
Petitions Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
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Dear William

P-04-532 – Improving specialised neuromuscular services in Wales.

Thank you for your letter of 16th November 2016 regarding the above and seeking the views of Powys Teaching Health Board on the benefits of providing additional neuromuscular consultant time across Wales as identified by Abertawe Bro Morgannwg UHB.

Currently children and adults with neuromuscular conditions access specialist services in Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt (RJAH) NHS Trust, Cardiff and Vale UHB or Abertawe Bro Morgannwg UHB.

Neurology is a commissioned service of which neuromuscular conditions is a sub speciality. We have a service level agreement in place and are invoiced on a per contact basis and it is up to ABMU as a provider to look at skill mix of their specialist neurologists and organise their consultant work plans in order to meet demand in a timely way.

We do not have a local register of people living with neuromuscular conditions, but we are in the process of recruiting a Neurorehabilitation Service Coordinator. One of this person's roles will be to develop a register of people living in Powys with a neurological condition in order to improve communication and coordination of care.

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Powys Teaching Local Health Board

I hope this letter goes some way to clarifying the current situation regarding the provision of neuromuscular services in Powys but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Shillabeer', with a horizontal line underneath.

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Carol Shillabeer
Chief Executive