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Dear Mark,

Thank you for raising the issue of Diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) and public awareness of this condition during Business Questions on 7 March. I was very sorry to hear about the very sad case of Ali Thomas and was grateful to you for highlighting the work that Ali's mother has been doing to raise awareness of DKA.

As you said, DKA is a serious acute complication of type 1 diabetes and one that, if recognised and properly treated, is usually rapidly recovered from. However, if not recognised, DKA may be fatal. All people with type 1 diabetes should be educated about managing diabetes during illness and have access to ketone testing to detect the early development of ketosis and take appropriate action. I agree therefore that any information about this ought to be widely available.

My officials have asked the diabetes national team to look into how the leaflet you highlighted might be widely disseminated through clinical and managerial networks and made available to patients in other parts of Wales.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

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