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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your recent Written Questions asking me what consideration I have given to funding new operating theatres in Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board this financial year in effort to tackle surgical waiting lists.

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board has received over £20 million of additional funding from the Welsh Government to support their COVID recovery, as well as additional investment to support the targeted intervention agenda. Alongside this investment, my officials have been supporting the health board to explore short, medium and long term plans to increase planned care capacity for North Wales within their annual plan.

The health board is currently in a tender process for a company to support the development of their regional treatment centres as part of their future sustainable planned care model. The tender process finished at the end of December and the health board is currently evaluating the tenders.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely

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