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Dear Joel

Thank you for your recent written question asking what assessment has the Welsh Government made of the adequacy of funding for the Liver Diseases Implementation Network and what steps is the Welsh Government taking to equitably increase the (a) hepatology; and (b) liver nurse specialist workforce in line with commitments in the Quality Statement for Liver Disease?

The Welsh Government is committed to improving the lives of those affected by liver disease in Wales. The NHS Executive has been allocated £8 million to support the work of the clinical networks and part of that work is establishing the means to utilise and assess funding to ensure that it is commensurate with the requirements of each network area. Within this funding, £311,000 has been ringfenced for national posts to support the elimination of hepatitis B and C.

The Liver Disease Implementation Network is currently developing a work programme to support delivery of the quality statement, workforce analysis will feature as part of that programme.

Ultimately, health boards are responsible for providing services for the whole of their population including those with liver disease and we would expect them to be delivering care in line with the latest available guidance and /or standards.

Yours sincerely

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