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AMBULANCE RESPONSES TIMES IN POWYS

In Plenary on 16 April you raised an issue about ambulance response times in the Powys area.

Performance in Powys at the end of February 2008 against the 60% 8 minute response time target was 48.3%. This is clearly unacceptable and the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust is aware of my requirement that this level of performance must be improved immediately.

With regard to the point you raised about High Dependency Vehicles (HDVs) within the Powys area, the Trust undertook a mapping exercise to best determine where each of the 26 HDVs would be deployed to ensure best use of resource. This exercise resulted in 1 HDV being allocated to Powys.

The Trust and Powys Local Health Board are working together to pursue partnership initiatives that will benefit patient care and improve response times.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

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