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Dear Russell,

Thank you for your recent Written Question asking me what work has been done to ensure that all suitable patients across Wales who experience a fragility fracture have access to a fracture liaison service.

Welsh Government recognises the valuable role that Fracture Liaison Services (FLS) have in providing easy access to osteoporosis care and in reducing the risk of further fractures in patients with a recent fragility fracture.

Dr Inder Singh, the National Clinical Lead for Falls and Frailty for Wales, has prioritised this work within the Falls and Frailty Fracture Audit Programme Strategic Group and has recently undertaken a review of FLS across all health boards in Wales. The review has provided us with a greater understanding of current services in Wales, their progress to date and their plans to respond to the national clinical audit results. It has also helped outline the variation in both access to and the range of services provided and crucially identified FLS audit leads for each health board.

To support this important area of work, we are establishing a new national FLS group consisting of a wide range of key stakeholders including the FLS audit leads. The group's objective will be to improve and support the delivery of care across Wales and reduce the risk of subsequent fractures for patients with a recent fragility fracture.

We are committed to supporting the effectiveness in post-fracture care delivery in our existing services and working to develop those areas, which do not currently have services in place.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
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