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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your recent Written Question asking what assessment I have made of the reasons that Morriston Hospital has declared four business continuity incidents in four months and what additional and specific support has the Welsh Government provided to Swansea Bay University Health Board and Morriston Hospital, given that they have declared four business continuity incidents in the last four months.

All NHS Wales health boards and trusts have robust escalation arrangements in place to enable them to respond to pressures through a structured approach and ensure resources are targeted at those people in most urgent need of an intervention.

It is concerning to note Swansea Bay University Health Board declaring business continuity incidents on a regular basis, but this reflects the level of pressure the health board is regularly under.

Escalation protocols are operational matters. However, following the health board being placed in targeted intervention / level 4 at the end of January for performance, my officials met with the health board on 11 March to discuss what additional support they may require. This will include targeted support from relevant teams within the NHS Executive.

Yours sincerely,

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