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Dear Janet

Thank you for the email seeking further information about the temporary closure of St David's Hospice in Holyhead.

I understand the chief executive and executive director of nursing at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board have had a further meeting with St David's Hospice to explore the feasibility of models which may prevent long-term closure of the Holyhead hospice. These discussions are not yet at the stage of determining dates or future working models. The focus is to ensure that existing services can meet the needs of patients and processes are in place to minimise the impact.

In terms of emergency funding, the Welsh Government has provided £9.5m in one-off funding to hospices across Wales over the last 18 months, with St David's Hospice receiving £978k. This is in addition to the recurrent £5.2m that we have been able to provide to hospices as part of our Programme for Government to strengthen palliative and end-of-life care.

I am also aware that the health board continues to provide £1.02m to the hospice, which includes a contribution of £190,402 towards the four beds provided at Ysbyty Penrhos Stanley, based on the funding model agreed through the service level agreement.

Providing palliative and end-of-life care to the people of North Wales is the responsibility of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and, as such, it will be best placed to answer any further queries that you may have in relation to this matter.

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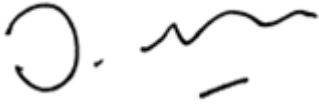
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a horizontal stroke.

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