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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your recent Written Question:

“Will the Minister make a statement in relation to her commitment in February 2023 that all health boards should have 100 per cent fracture liaison service coverage within 18 months?”

We are making good progress on our commitment to provide Fracture Liaison Services (FLS) across all health boards in Wales by September 2024.

Three health boards are already providing FLS services. One health board has introduced FLS and been actively recruiting and developing the service since December 2023. We expect a further two to have commenced a service by September 2024. Powys will require a different model given there are no acute hospital sites in the county, and we will be working with the health board to consider what provision can be delivered through their existing community services.

This progress has been made primarily due to the significant investment from the six goals programme for urgent and emergency care and the Welsh Value in Health Centre, who are providing over £0.5m to support health boards to develop and expand FLS services. This funding has been made available to March 2025 to help standardise FLS provision across Wales and is conditional upon health boards agreeing to continue to invest in FLS services longer term.

Specifically, the funding is being used to recruit additional clinical nurse specialist and admin support posts and Dr Inder Singh, the national clinical lead for falls and fragility is supporting relevant clinical leads within health board care of the elderly, rheumatology and orthogeriatric teams to encourage a consistent approach is taken across Wales.

Yours sincerely,



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