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Dear Sian

## **Strategic Outline Care for South Wales Thoracic Surgical Centre**

I am writing on behalf of Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB to express our support for the South Wales Adult Thoracic Surgical Centre Strategic Outline Case (SOC). Following endorsement of the SOC by the Implementation Board on the 13 August 2021, I sought and received support for the SOC through our Board of Directors on 25 August 2021.

The need to plan for future growth in thoracic surgery and to ensure that it is delivered by the most efficient and effective model to meet this is recognised. There are, however, a number of areas that have been highlighted by this recent review as set out below that will require further attention:

- Given the known capital constraints identified across Wales, none of the long-listed options may be deliverable in the short to medium term. In this context, it was noted that there is no alternative service delivery model. We would be grateful if you could advise on how the current service is planned to be safely sustained should funding from WG be delayed.
- Further financial scrutiny of the revenue implications of the long-listed options at a Health Board level through established WHSSC (Management Group etc.) and internal Health Board scrutiny processes.

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Croeso i chi gyfathrebu â'r bwrdd iechyd yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Byddwn yn ymateb yn yr un iaith a ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi.

You are welcome to correspond with the health board in Welsh or English. We will respond accordingly and this will not delay the response.

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- Regional coordination and support to ensure the developed pre-habilitation and re-habilitation services within each Health Boards integrate with the thoracic surgical centre services in order to achieve improved health outcomes for patients.
- Our current service model does not include specialist pre-habilitation and re-habilitation services, therefore assurance is sought that patient access to the thoracic surgery centre will not be dependent upon this.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Mears', with a long, sweeping underline.

**Paul Mears**  
**Prif Weithredwr/Chief Executive**

cc Ian Gunney (NHS Capital, Estates & Facilities, Welsh Government)