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Darren Millar AM  
Chair  
Public Accounts Committee  
Cardiff Bay  
Cardiff  
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Dear Darren

### **Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board**

Further to my evidence session at the Public Accounts Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> November regarding the Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB), please find below a response to the additional information requested by the Clerk to the Committee.

**Dr Goodall agreed to forward the names of all the co-opted Board Members at BCUHB together with details of their skills and remuneration packages (if appropriate).**

BCUHB do not have co-opted board members, but they have appointed, through an open recruitment and selection process, 10 Committee Advisers to provide additional support to the following Committees of the Board;

- Audit Committee
- Workforce and OD Committee
- Finance Committee
- Quality and Safety Committee
- Information Governance Committee

The areas of expertise that are covered by the Committee Advisers are; information communication and technology; legal services; finance; capital estates; customer care; and human resources.

Appointments have been made for an initial period of one year with an option to extend for up to three years in total, subject to successful annual appraisal by the Chair and conditional on them remaining eligible for the role. Remuneration is at a daily rate of £250 (or equivalent half day rate) and reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses incurred whilst engaged in committee business in accordance with the Health Board's standard rates.

The Committee Advisers are;

Mrs Carys Edwards  
Mr Philip Kenyon  
Mr Thomas Brookes  
Mr Alun Davies  
Mr Douglas Leech  
Mr Dilwyn Evans  
Mr Huw Hilditch-Roberts  
Mr John Hughes  
Mr Richard Jones  
Mr Trevor Jones

**Dr Goodall agreed to provide further detail and a timeline on the Health Standards Framework for NHS Wales Green Paper which the Minister for Health and Social Services announced on 3 November 2014.**

The Minister for Health and Social Services launched a consultation on 3 November in respect of the Health Standards for Wales. This process is aimed at refreshing the existing framework standards and in particular ensuring better alignment with the fundamentals of Care Standards. It is proposed that the revised framework comes into force from 1 April 2015.

In addition, the Minister has signalled his intent to publish a Green Paper during 2015 to consider any new duties and changes to the existing quality system. This work is in development.

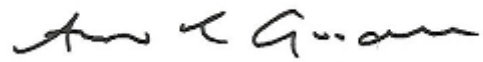
**Dr Goodall agreed to give consideration to announcing the level of intervention at each health board more publicly, perhaps on my local health website.**

We are still considering this issue and exploring potential options for publishing the information. I will write to you again shortly with a further update. We would however continue to expect Boards to report and ensure this information is routinely in the public domain.

The information requested on locum and agency costs, and the distribution of in-year financial resources, was provided in my previous letter of 10 November.

I hope the information provided is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Goodall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.

**Dr Andrew Goodall**