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Committee Clerk,  
Health and Social Care Committee,  
National Assembly for Wales,  
Cardiff Bay,  
CF99 1NA.

Date: 22/01/2014

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Health and Social Care Committee - Inquiry into the availability of bariatric services**

I write on behalf of Mr. Simon Dean, Chief Executive for Velindre NHS Trust in response to the invitation to offer comment on the above consultation.

Velindre NHS Trust is a nationally recognised specialist centre of excellence for the provision of non-surgical oncology including radiotherapy and chemotherapy; specialist palliative care; blood transfusion; specialist immunohaematology; antenatal blood testing reference work; and transplant immunology.

The consultation has been distributed widely across Velindre Trust, and I am pleased to provide the following comments –

- During the last year there has been 1 occasion when there was a requirement to provide a bariatric bed and chair for an in-patient.
- We had prior notification from the referring organisation that the patient required a bariatric bed; we were able to hire a bed and chair within 4 hours and receive timely training for use of the equipment by the company.
- We have hoisting equipment which can be used for patients who need bariatric equipment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this response further.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Julie Heydon-Mann  
Communication and Compliance Officer

