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Councillor Hefin Underwood
Pwllheli Harbour Consultative Committee

Dear Councillor Underwood,

Thank you for your letter, dated 7 December, and for taking the time to write to me.

With regards to the service reconfiguration proposals, in-depth research and analysis has been conducted by our NHS medical partners, the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service (EMRTS), which includes independent modelling. The resulting EMRTS Service Development Proposal has been presented to both Charity Trustees and the NHS Wales Emergency Ambulance Services Committee (which is made up of the Chief Executives of every Welsh health board and the Chief Executive of the Welsh Ambulance Service).

In summary, the proposal indicates that through a reconfiguration of the air ambulance service (revision of base locations, a change in operational hours, an enhancement of after-dark flying), Wales Air Ambulance could attend hundreds more life or limb-threatening emergencies every year and every county of Wales, including Gwynedd, would see an increase in the number of critically ill patients attended.

As the analysis has been conducted by EMRTS, the engagement process is aligned with NHS governance. The EMRTS Service Development Proposal is now subject to an independent process of scrutiny and public engagement, led by the Chief Ambulance Services Commissioner. I would strongly encourage you to engage with the Commissioner's process to gain a detailed understanding of the proposals and to ask any questions that you may have.

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From the Charity's perspective, we continue to note the comments expressed to us by our supporters and this will inform our own response to the Commissioner's engagement process. Therefore, I thank you again for taking the time to write to us.

The support we receive from the people of Pwllheli is valuable to us. For that, I offer our grateful and eternal thanks, not just on behalf of our Charity but also those who are alive today thanks to your community.

As part of our new retail blueprint, we are looking at a future investment in Pwllheli through the location of a new Wales Air Ambulance retail facility. Is this something you would welcome in the town? If so, we would be happy to discuss this in more detail with you and take on board any advice that you have.

I sincerely hope that we are able to continue, and strengthen, our positive relationship with you and the community you represent.

Yours sincerely

Dr Sue Barnes
Chief Executive
Wales Air Ambulance Charity

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