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Dear Suzanne

Re: Spinal Rehabilitation Unit University Hospital Llandough

The CHC has heard a number of concerns from patients', relatives and these were confirmed following our recent visit to the unit regarding repatriation and rehabilitation for patients who access this service.

During the Public Consultation some years ago the feedback was concerns regarding the ability for patients to be repatriated back to their own local District General Hospital and that they would receive their rehabilitation closer to their home.

From the feedback we have received patients either staying on the unit at UHL or are having to travel back for ongoing rehabilitation. Whilst we accept this may be required in some complex cases, the CHC and public were given assurances that this element of their ongoing care would be facilitated within their own Health Board area.

Therefore, are you able to provide the CHC details on the following questions:

1. The number of out of area patients who are currently in the spinal rehabilitation unit.
2. The number of patients who are required to travel back to the Unit at UHL for ongoing rehabilitation

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3. The number of patients awaiting repatriation and detail on the health board area they are due to go to, and what is the Cardiff & Vale UHB doing to expedite repatriation of these patients.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Allen
Chief Officer

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