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Mark Layton
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Dear Mr. Layton

Re: Inquest into the death of Mihangel ap Dafydd

Thank you for your letter dated the 29th April, and the Regulation 28 report for the Health Board's attention.

I can confirm that the Health Board undertakes an annual point of ligature audit programme across all of its mental health and learning disability in-patient units, which includes an audit of Morlais Ward on the West Wales General Hospital site. The point of ligature audits undertaken following Mr. ap Dafydd's death identified potential point of ligature risks with windows on a number of the in-patient units, including Morlais Ward which were reported through the Health Board's Capital programme. The point of ligature programme is considered alongside all of the annual priorities across the Health Board, and the replacement of windows was not deemed to be the greatest priority, as following identification of the risk, steps were taken to mitigate the risk, including the securing of windows in some areas.

The point of ligature audit programme plans to repeat the audit of all inpatient units across mental health and learning disabilities in May/June 2016. Following which a prioritised recommendations will be submitted for consideration by the 2016/17 Capital programme, for each unit considering

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replacement, repair or adaptation of the existing windows in line with the Department of Health Building Note 03-01.

Whilst the programme of work is being developed and prioritised it is essential that the inpatient units that require adaptations to windows are able to provide a safe and therapeutic environment for patients. Ensuring patient dignity and safety are priority for the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Directorate. During the programme of work that will be undertaken, inpatient areas will continue to be subject to regular environmental risk assessment. Where necessary, actions will be taken to mitigate risks that take into consideration patient dignity and comfort.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'M'.

Steve Moore
Chief Executive