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Chair and Chief Executive

Mr Graeme Hughes
Her Majesty's Assistant Coroner for South Wales Central Area
Coroner's Court
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Dear Mr Hughes,

Re: Regulation 28 Response:

Further to the issuing of the Regulation 28 dated 26th August 2016, following the inquest into the sad death of Dr Imad Hassan (deceased on 18th April 2016). Cwm Taf University Health Board has been working with WHSSC (Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee) as the commissioner of specialist Cardiology services, and the Provider Units in Cardiff and Swansea to develop an interim solution pending the completion of a comprehensive pathway for this patient group in the summer of 2017.

The attached joint letter represents the agreed interim position between the respective organisations which will be further developed for the next meeting of the Joint Committee later this month.

We hope that these arrangements are satisfactory and would emphasise our commitment to ensuring that in the future our services can consistently meet the expected standards.

A local corrective Action Plan for improvement was developed and will be shared with clinical colleagues in Cardiology and Critical Care as well as Emergency Departments and Heads of services. (*Appendix 1*).

I would like to convey again my deepest sympathy and sincere apologies to Dr Hassan's family for the failings identified. If you require any additional Information or clarification please does not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Mr Kamal Asaad
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