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Dear Mr Barkley

**RE: Regulation 28 for Howard Winter**

Thank you for the correspondence in relation to the above Regulation 28 received on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018, which was also sent to the Health Board CEO Mrs Allison Williams. Please note that I have discussed the content of your letter with both the CEO and the Director of Nursing.

In relation to improvement work being undertaken within Cwm Taf University Health Board regarding NEWS I wish to assure you that the following work has taken place:

1. Two audits have been undertaken across the Health Board to measure how the NEWS scores are completed and escalated.
2. We have a University Health Board Clinical Lead for the RRAILS (Rapid Response to Acute illness Learning Set) who is a Consultant Anaesthetist and also the National Lead overseeing this important piece of work.

The audit has identified the need for further education and training as well as raising awareness amongst nursing and medical staff in relation to accurate documentation and escalation. The audit has also identified priority clinical areas for improvement work which will be progressed.

Monitoring of the improvement work is undertaken via the quarterly quality report to the Quality & Risk Safety Committee.

I hope that I have provided assurance to you that your concerns are being dealt with in the University Health Board as part of our ongoing Quality Delivery Plan.

Kind Regards

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