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Dear Sian,

Re: All Wales Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Programme Business Case

I am writing on behalf of Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB to express our support for the All Wales PET Programme Business Case (PBC). Following endorsement of the PBC at the NHS Health Collaborative Executive Group on the 18 May 2021, I sought and received support for the PBC through our Board of Directors.

The need to plan for future growth in PET scanning and to ensure that this is delivered by the most efficient and effective model to meet this is recognised. There are, however, a number of areas that have been highlighted by this recent review as set out below that will require further attention.

The first two of these relate to the Programme Business Case (PBC), and the further points relate to the development of Outline Business Cases (OBC) that will follow the PBC.

Regarding the PBC:

- The revenue cost and value for money benefits of the purchase of NHS PET scanners identified in the business case are recognised. However, given the known capital constraints identified across Wales, the preferred option may not be deliverable. In this context, it was noted that the alternative option of longer term contracts with commercial providers for

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fixed units was not explored. However, this could be further considered as necessary depending on WG support for the capital case.

- It was not clear from the case why, given the greater value for money and lower cost of NHS run units, the much higher existing PETIC pricing is assumed to continue for the Cardiff unit, even after NHS capital investment in replacing the equipment. Why would the pricing then not be much more comparable with the estimated £577 per scan for the other units?

Regarding the further OBC which is assumed to be following the PBC:

- Can WHSSC confirm that this OBC or OBCs will come through the WHSSC scrutiny process (Management Group etc), recognising this PBC has not gone through that process?
- Particular aspects flagged for the further development of the case as it proceeds to OBC (subject to WG approval of the PBC), are as follows:-
 - Is the staffing model proposed robust and deliverable, noting the reported variation across the existing sites?
 - Are there any additional costs that need to be included e.g. integration of ICT / existing systems?
 - Assurance of costs for Radiopharmaceutical costs which are currently estimated and comparative information to support any other estimated costs within the PBC.

Yours sincerely

[Chief Executive or Chair, as appropriate]

cc Ian Gunney (NHS Capital, Estates & Facilities, Welsh Government)