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Improving Patient Safety Through Learning

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**Your Ref:**

Dear Paul,

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the Annual Review for Welsh Risk Pool and Legal & Risk Services for 2021/22.

The Annual Review outlines the caseload of claims and redress cases across NHS Wales. It provides some trend history and outlines the distribution of specialities associated with matters.

Providing a summary of the expenditure of the Welsh Risk Pool budget during 2021/22, the review outlines details of the finances which have been reconciled to the annual accounts. Whilst the overall number of claims has not grown, the value of claims has continued to increase - placing pressure on limited NHS resources.

The review report also outlines some of the improvement programmes being coordinated by the Welsh Risk Pool, along with a summary of the work of the teams within Legal & Risk Services. Of particular note are the savings & successes achieved by our team, which amount to over £74m.

A key aspect of the work undertaken by the Welsh Risk Pool is to help organisations to recognise the causes of claims and redress cases, identify lessons learned, and establish the improvements needed to reduce the risk of reoccurrence. We will continue to focus on this work to further reduce the causes of litigation.

In addition to the Annual Review report, I am pleased to provide a supplement which outlines the health body's data in comparison to the all-Wales position.

I also enclose a copy of the latest case summary of matters being managed on behalf of the health body by Legal & Risk Services.

I do hope you find the Annual Review and organisation-specific supplementary documents of use in your work in the quality & safety sector.

If you and your Board & senior management colleagues would find a meeting with Welsh Risk Pool and Legal & Risk Services staff of value in analysing the information contained in the Annual Review and additional documents, the team would be delighted to make appropriate arrangements. Please contact the team at [welsh.riskpool@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:welsh.riskpool@wales.nhs.uk) if you would like to plan a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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