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Welsh Government

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Dear Tracey

TRANSFER OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH TEAMS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH WALES TO LOCAL HEALTH BOARDS

Thank you for your letter of 24 August relating to the above. I am supportive of the proposal and am pleased that we now have a stronger consensus across the system about the direction of travel. Our vision for Health Boards in Wales remains one of integrated organisations, responsible for the health and wellbeing of their local populations and providing leadership of the population health agenda in their regions.

The Minister for Health and Social Services has also considered the proposal and is similarly supportive. We have agreed a set of conditions to ensure the full benefit of these changes can be realised:

- Once transferred, resource will be added the Directed Expenditure table within the main Health Board revenue allocation and should be solely used for the funding of local public health teams. This funding will remain within the Directed Expenditure table for at least the next three years. The transfer does not preclude additional investment by Health Boards in their public health teams, building on some of the models already adopted by some.
- There is a need for the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Public Health Wales and Health Boards setting out the areas of support and collaboration between the organisations beyond the transfer, providing Health Boards with clarity on the legitimate expectations of ongoing specialist support across the domains of public health. The MoU will ultimately be signed off by the NHS Leadership Group and subject to periodic review.

These requirements will also be communicated to Health Boards.



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The Minister and I noted the factors taken into account by your Board when forming views on this proposal and in particular the views of the organisation's evolution as a public health institute. While we share a vision of PHW as a system leader across many of the functions listed in your letter, I was surprised by the absence of reference to the need for ongoing responsiveness to Government and the wider public health system. It may be regarded as implicit, but the role of the organisation as an agency of Government and of the system is crucial and worth emphasising as you refresh your long term strategy.

You will now need to liaise with Health Boards in agreeing and delivering a change programme for the transfer, informed by your own legal advice, to ensure appropriate processes are followed.

Yours sincerely



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