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Dear Mr GRO-A

Thank you for your email of 23 October to Lesley Griffiths AM, the Minister for Health, regarding access to telaprevir. I have been asked to reply.

I was very sorry to hear about your illness and the delay in accessing treatment for Hepatitis C. I appreciate the stress and frustration this must be causing you.

NICE published final guidance on the use of these medicines in April 2012 which recommended their use subject to certain clinical criteria. The NHS in Wales is under a statutory duty to fund the treatments for patients who meet this criterion.

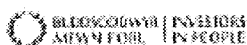
I hope you will understand neither Welsh Ministers nor their officials are able to intervene in individual patient's treatment as these are matters for the relevant health board and clinicians. Decisions about the prescribing of telaprevir are the responsibility of healthcare professionals to make, appropriate to the circumstances of the individual patient, in consultation with the patient and/or guardian or carer.

However, in view of your concerns I have asked Adam Cairns the Chief Executive of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to look into your case and reply to you directly. I am also copying this letter to both Adam Cairns and Alison Williams, Chief Executive of Cwm Taf Health Board. I trust you will receive a satisfactory response from them in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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