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Summary: This is a follow up letter from the Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing following your response to the convener's letter following the meeting of the Panel on 17 April 2018.

Dear Cllr Child

The Panel would like to thank you for your response to the convener's letter following the 17 April panel meeting. However can you please provide the Panel with more information on the issues raised in point 4:

4. Concerned that the reviews for defining individuals as having complex needs would be undertaken almost entirely in house in the proposed new model. Panel feels strongly that Health needs to be involved as there is a grey area between social care and nursing care, and Council staff are not really qualified to undertake the reviews on their own. The needs of some residents may need to draw on the assessment and care skills of both health and social care staff. **Furthermore, being at the high end of care, some residents may become more dependent on health care sooner rather than later which implies either that health skills will need to come to the home or the resident will need to move. It was not clear that the benefits of a flexible and jointly conceived and operated facility had been explored between ABMU and The City and County of Swansea, but if they have, and been rejected, the rationale should be explained. There was also strong concern amongst all Panel members regarding the definition of complex care, which it was felt strayed into the realm of nursing care and would involve medically trained and qualified staff to deliver.**

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Your response

We would ask for you to provide us with a full written response to the issues highlighted in bold by Tuesday 12 June 2018.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Black', written in a cursive style.

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