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Dear Hilary

I write further to your email dated 22nd September 2021 to Leanne Ahern / Suzy Richards who in turn passed to me to respond as Chair of Public Services Board.

The statutory partners are experiencing system pressures, especially but not exclusively in the health and social care system, as a result of the increasing Covid cases and the impact this is having. This means that we and our partners are re-prioritising work leading to staff being diverted to support the escalating situation and increasing demand that we are facing as a result.

Health have not significantly contributed to the well-being assessment to date; whilst we are making progress in developing our well-being assessments, the increasing response needed across the health and social care system means that there are implications for completing the well-being assessments within the required timescales.

In light of this, the Regional Co-ordination Board that has been established by the statutory partners to ensure that there is sufficient co-ordination between Neath and Swansea PSBs and between the well-being and population assessments, wrote to the Minister to request some flexibility in the timescales for completing the exercises across both Neath and Swansea PSBs.

The situation is likely to get worse during the oncoming autumn and winter months and so any additional breathing space to complete the well-being assessment would be greatly appreciated and would lessen the risk that the assessment will not be completed within the expected timescale.

Yours Sincerely

Cllr Andrea Lewis, Swansea PSB Chair
Adam Hill, Deputy Chief Executive