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Dear Councillor Black

I am writing in response to your letter of 4 December 2018.

I agree with you that timelines of response to safeguarding is vital. Although safeguarding is and will remain everyone's responsibility, moving this key action to be undertaken in a focused manner will hopefully address these issues of timelines.

I note your comments regarding the Fire Services' withdrawal of funding and share your dismay as I hope I expressed at your meeting.

The figures for delayed transfers from care have only started to drop since Christmas, when there has been a marked improvement, although there is still a way to go. Swansea Council have liaised closely with ABMU throughout this period.

You will get an update on the overall position in domiciliary care. However all Allied clients have been transferred to existing independent providers and have care packages. Recruitment in this area is a problem not just in Swansea but across the UK. I hope the new commissioning round due soon, based on geographic areas, will help reduce pressures by reducing travelling time and so increasing the time the existing workforce can spend delivering care.

I welcome the agreement from ABMU to attend Scrutiny and believe it signifies an important step by the Health board. I hope to attend the rearranged meeting.

Yours sincerely



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