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Dear Nicola

I am writing to you following the publication of the recent Audit Wales report examining Aneurin Bevan University Health Board's handling of GP contracts awarded to the partnership associated with eHarley Street.

As you will be aware, Audit Wales concluded the Health Board did not sufficiently scrutinise the finances or business plans of the partnership before awarding multiple contracts. In particular, the report highlights the Board failed to undertake financial stress testing, did not carry out adequate background checks into the wider business interests of those involved, and did not properly scrutinise the assumptions underpinning the business cases submitted. The findings are deeply concerning and raise significant questions.

Despite receiving over £1.2 million in Welsh Government sustainability funding in 2024/25, the partnership began handing back contracts within 15 months, declaring several practices financially unsustainable, resulting in the Health Board being forced to take back multiple practices at short notice.

This instability has caused significant disruption to thousands of patients across Gwent and placed considerable pressure on the Health Board to maintain care, at a time when our health service in Wales is beyond fragile and overstretched.

While I note that the Health Board has accepted all recommendations from the Auditor General, the seriousness of the findings requires clear accountability.

I would therefore appreciate a response to the following:

- A detailed explanation as to why the plans submitted by the partnership were not subject to proper scrutiny.
- A timeline for implementing the Auditor General's recommendations, including how progress will be monitored and reported publicly.
- An Assurance that patient safety and service continuity are now fully stabilised across the affected practices.
- How much has this cost the Health Board? Audit Wales did not put a figure on it in their report, but the evidence allows us to calculate the minimum financial exposure to be at least £11.3 million.

I look forward to receiving a full response at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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