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Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of 12 May regarding your concerns and asking Welsh Ministers to consider whether the provisions of the Inquiries Act 2005 require there should be a public inquiry into the vascular service at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. I want to reassure you that these issues are being taken seriously.

I do remain concerned about the vascular services and as part of the special measures' intervention and assurance, I have instructed my officials to work with the health board and the NHS Executive to undertake an assurance assessment of vascular services and other related services that are involved in the pathways of care as a matter of urgency.

Healthcare Inspectorate Wales undertook an inspection of vascular services in November 2022 and a copy of their report was published on 29 June. The report is available [here](#).

I am also aware of a number of other pieces of work being taken forward in relation to vascular services and the wider special measures work such as Welsh Abdominal Aortic Screening programme review and a review of governance process within the health board.

I will write to you again about the merits of establishing a public inquiry once these pieces of work have concluded.

In the meantime, I would welcome meeting with you again to discuss the concerns you have raised and any further information you are able to share with me.

Yours sincerely,

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