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Dear [redacted]

Investigating and learning from cases of Nosocomial Covid-19

Further to the Minister's written statement of 26 January 2022 (Written Statement: Investigating and learning from cases of hospital-acquired Covid-19 (26 January 2022) | GOV.WALES) announcing funding to support the delivery of the programme of investigation work into cases of nosocomial Covid-19, I can now confirm your funding package as detailed below:

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board will have access **up to a maximum** of £878,795.00 per annum for 2 years. The resource uplift to allocate the second year of funding will be actioned for the start of the 2023-2024 financial year.

The conditions of funding are set out below.

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board will be expected to:

- Put in place the necessary resource and infrastructure to deliver the programme of investigation work in relation to patient safety incidents of nosocomial COVID-19. Investigation work must be completed in line with the *NHS Wales national framework – Management of patient safety incidents following nosocomial transmission of COVID-19* (national framework). This includes investigating cases where a person has acquired nosocomial COVID-19 in a care setting while receiving NHS funded care and when individuals were transferred from hospital into a care home and subsequently contracted COVID-19, within 14 days of transfer. The national framework is currently being updated to provide further clarity of these requirements for NHS funded care.

- Establish relevant internal assurance mechanisms such as scrutiny panels.

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- Proactively engage with patients and families who have been affected by incidents of nosocomial COVID-19, including advocacy through the CHC.
- Put in place the necessary infrastructure to provide a dedicated point of contact for supporting families for five days a week.
- Develop robust governance structures, including:
    - internal mechanisms to ensure your Board is fully appraised of progress with investigations; and
    - reporting mechanism to update NHS Wales Delivery Unit (DU) on progress. Monthly reporting against an agreed reporting framework will be required. Further details on this will be provided by the DU.
- Engage with colleagues in the DU who will have overall responsibility for national leadership and oversight in relation to implementation and application of the national framework.
- Work with the DU to develop the national learning plan which will incorporate the lessons learned throughout the pandemic.

This funding has been provided to ensure the programme of investigation work can be delivered at pace. I am aware that activity is already taking place and I am grateful for your continued support with this important and challenging work.

Yours sincerely

