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Dear Colleague

## **Re: Adult Thoracic Surgery for South Wales**

I am writing to provide an update on developments at yesterday's WHSSC Joint Committee meeting.

You will be aware that we considered adult thoracic surgery for south Wales at meetings in May and June 2019, and were trying to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion at yesterday's meeting. To achieve this we prepared a consolidated paper that set out the background and made various recommendations reflecting input from Welsh Government and health boards. We anticipated that the same paper would be forwarded to you for consideration at your next Board meeting with an endorsement on behalf of the Joint Committee.

I am very pleased to report that the Joint Committee unanimously approved all of the recommendations set out in the paper at its meeting yesterday. On that basis, I am now asking your Board to confirm its unconditional approval for a single adult Thoracic Surgery Centre based at Morriston Hospital, Swansea.

I am attaching the Joint Committee paper and appendices for you to circulate to your Board which, together with this letter, should provide your directors with assurance that the relevant caveats have been addressed.

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Yours sincerely



**Professor Vivienne Harpwood**  
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