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Dear Phil,

Following the recent visits to Glangwili Hospital, I wanted to take the opportunity to seek assurance from yourself that options are being urgently explored to support the haematology and cellular pathology laboratory space.

Whilst there remain questions around the wider regional pathology provision between Hywel Dda and Swansea Bay, I am keen that progress is made to address the conditions in which the haematology and cellular pathology functions are operating from. The challenges of delivering a quality service were clearly apparent after seeing the units first hand.

To help progress this, I would like to seek confirmation from yourself that options around relocating the service to fit-for-purpose accommodation will be progressed at pace. I note from the Board Paper on 27th March that reference was made to an update on the development options to provide for a fit for purpose cellular pathology at the September 2025 Board meeting. Given the very real estate challenges shown to myself and colleagues, I would like to progress this work sooner than September. From my side, I will prioritise a conversation around what the business case would need to look so that early considerations can be made when appropriate.

I will add progress around this to the agenda for future Capital Review meetings, but it would be helpful for an early update on latest thinking.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "I. K. Gunney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end of the word "Gunney".

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