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Dear Bruce

### **Development of Bronllys Well Being Park**

I met with Lydia Powell, Chair of Powys Health and Wellbeing Action Group, and colleagues on 16 January to discuss their proposals to contribute to the creation of a Well Being Park in the grounds of Bronllys Hospital.

I was very impressed with the work that has been undertaken by the Action Group to date, and expressed the Welsh Government's on-going support for the further exploration of site development opportunities. I have previously discussed this site with you, and the potential for it to be a flagship rural development project with the provision of NHS community services complemented by a number of activities including:

- Economic development
- Transport
- Rural Affairs
- Housing
- Planning
- Sustainability
- Education
- Health
- Tourism

As you are aware the Welsh Government has already provided funding for an "Enquiry by Design" by The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment, which explored the site's potential and produced an initial site plan which included many of the above.

At the recent meeting in January with the Health Board, we noted it would be appropriate for this proposed development to be driven by and co-ordinated by the Health Board and Local Authority. We also discussed and agreed the need for more formal arrangements to be put in place to support this work, and that a programme management approach and structure be adopted. This will then provide the opportunity to engage with key stakeholders, to include the Powys Health and Well Being Action Group, to ensure that any development addresses the needs of the community and is widely supported. You expressed concerns regarding the resources to take this initial work forwards. Once you have confirmed your requirements with the Local Authority, I am happy to consider the potential for further Welsh Government funding support. In the meantime I will raise awareness with other colleagues across the Welsh

Government.

I understand from recent correspondence that the Action Group hope to present the Bronllys Park proposals at your February Health Board meeting, and I look forward to having an update on this at our next review meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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