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Dyddiad/Date: 17th May 2012

Mr. Roger Pratley,
Secretary, Morgannwg Local Dental Committee,
8 Pentrepoeth Road,
Morrison,
Swansea.
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Dear Mr. Pratley,

Ministerial Letter LG/LM/001/12 – Ring Fenced Primary Care Budgets.

Thank you for your letter of the 15th April 2012 regarding Ministerial Letter LG/LM/001/12 – Ring Fenced Primary Care Budget dated 7th March 2012.

As you are aware, this letter was sent to all Health Boards in Wales and follow up discussions with Welsh Government primary care dental colleagues did not reveal any specific concerns that they had with this Health Board. Our response to the Minister set out that the final dental expenditure profile for the financial year 2011/12 will not have changed materially from 2010/11. The detailed dental expenditure for 2010/11 was contained within the LFR104 accounts which were submitted and scrutinised by the Chief Dental Officer and dental policy colleagues in October 2011 and our responses to their queries appeared to be fully accepted as no further matters were raised with us by them. We therefore assumed that the dental spend in ABMU Health Board was recognised as being used appropriately to support primary and community dental services.

The latest 2011/12 LFR104 Dental Contract Expenditure returns were submitted to the Welsh Government on the 5th May and we expect to shortly hold discussion with the Dean and Welsh Government colleagues on both these submissions and our expenditure plans for 2012/13. We will be receptive to any advice from these colleagues on our expenditure profiles and will be more than happy to address any issues they may raise if any.

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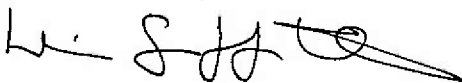
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Further the Minister's letter specifically mentions Designed to Smile. ABM advised Welsh Government earlier this month, that there was a slight underspend on the Designed to Smile allocation due to staff sickness. Welsh Government have confirmed that they were content for this underspend to be carried forward and utilised within 2012/13 and this approach is welcomed.

Finally we also recognise the Health Board and good working relationship that has developed locally and thank you for seeing the value of that. We are pleased that your members remain passionately committed to the delivery of dental services and ensuring that the funding of these services is properly managed by the Health Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact either our Executive Lead for Dentistry, Paul Stauber, or our Primary Care Lead, Catherine Roberts, if you would like any further clarification of the points raised in the letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Win Griffiths', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**WIN GRIFFITHS OBE
CHAIRMAN.**