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**Dyddiad/Date:** 16 October 2012

Dear Mr Longland

### **Healthcare in North Wales is changing**

Thank you for meeting with Clare Jones and myself on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012. I found our meeting most helpful.

As agreed I have pulled together a supplementary note which gives further details regarding the key issues we discussed. I enclose this for your information along with the responses to questions raised at Scrutiny, and other supporting information. I trust that this will assist in the Council's consideration of its response.

I also indicated that the Health Board had considered the request to organise further public meetings and determined that in light of the range of meetings to date with the public, Councils, third sector organisations and other interest groups, such meetings would not be arranged.

However, recognising specific local concerns we have therefore invited two or three representatives from Flint Town Council to meet with Grace Lewis-Parry, Director of Governance and Communications and Sally Baxter, Project Director for the consultation process, on Tuesday 23 October, providing a further opportunity to discuss the proposals with us, to clarify any points of detail and to give us views directly. Additional arrangements have been made to capture the public's views, comments and concerns across North Wales.

County based focus group meetings of around 2 hours have been arranged independently by Opinion Research Services (ORS) to discuss all the consultation proposals. Twelve participants for each focus group have been recruited by telephone (randomised calls), to reflect a spread across age, gender and social grade groups and disability. These are taking place from week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> October.

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In addition ORS are arranging a further 2 extra focus groups in Flint, to concentrate on the Flint local proposals. Participants for these are being recruited by researchers on the streets, given the shorter timescale for delivering these. These are being held on 25th October.

I trust this provides you with further information regarding our consultation processes; if you require any further clarity please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Lang'.

Mr Geoff Lang  
**Executive Director Primary Care, Community and Mental Health Services**

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cc Mr Neil Ayling, Director of Community Services