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Dear Colleagues

DESIGNED FOR LIFE: QUALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULT CRITICAL CARE IN WALES 2008-11: SECOND STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Please find attached the Minister's letter formally publishing the second Strategic Framework of *Designed for Life: Quality Requirements for Adult Critical Care in Wales* for the period 2008-11.

You now need to identify those key actions contained within the Strategic framework that fall to your organisation to implement and are required to prepare a delivery plan.

It is now an explicit requirement that decisions on services for critical care patients must be considered by Network Boards and should only go forward with the Board's endorsement. When this does not occur, Network Boards will be expected to provide exception reports to the Welsh Assembly Government Regional Offices, who will pursue the matter.

For 2008-09, the first priority for the NHS must be to ensure that any areas of non-compliance with the core Quality Requirements are addressed immediately and Networks must report progress on any areas of non-compliance with the core

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requirements to Welsh Assembly Government Regional Offices **by end of December 2008.**

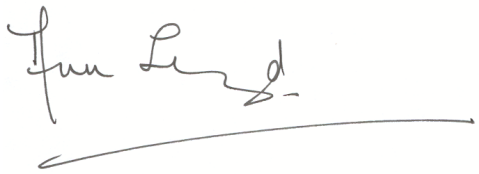
Networks are also required to produce an assessment of critical care capacity within their region, including the impact of delayed transfers of care from critical care units and submit to the Welsh Assembly Government Regional Offices **by end of November 2008.**

Each organisation must develop a Delivery Plan for the key actions that fall to it to implement. These Delivery Plans must be submitted to the relevant Regional Critical Care Network **by the 20 October 2008,** so that a Network Level Delivery Plan can be compiled **by end of November 2008.**

Network Chairs will need to note the requirement on them to submit progress reports to Regional Offices on the Network delivery plans on a quarterly basis, starting with the quarter October to December 2008. Networks are also required to produce Annual reports by the end of April each year for the preceding year.

If you have any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact Caroline Lewis on 029 2082 3953 or email: caroline.lewis@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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