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*Dear Vaughan*

**RE: INTERIM CHAIR AND INTERIM VICE- CHAIR RE-APPOINTMENTS TO HYWEL DDA  
UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD**

Thank you for your letter outlining your intention to extend the term of Judith Hardisty as interim Chair of the Hywel DDA University Health Board for a further month, and to extend the term of Paul Newman as interim vice-Chair for the same period.

My office has received several requests in relation to this board as a result of delays to the campaign to appoint a substantive Chair. I am pleased to hear that this campaign has now concluded. You have stated that the new Chair is unable to take up the post until mid-August, and these further extensions will ensure that the post is not vacant until then. I am therefore content with both extensions.

However, I am concerned by the volume of requests that my office has received in relation to this board, particularly given the short amount of time allowed between consultation and the end dates of terms. A previous request was submitted on the day of a board meeting. I would be grateful if you could ensure that I am given sufficient time to provide a view on any future exception requests.

*All best wishes  
y sincerely  
Peter*

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