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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 14 August, on behalf of the Petitions Committee, enclosing a copy of the petition to reinstate the direct bus service from Burry Port to Prince Philip Hospital.

I very much recognise the importance of bus services to communities throughout Wales, especially to key facilities such as hospitals. While most bus services are provided commercially, local authorities are able to subsidise socially-necessary services based on their assessments of local circumstances and priorities. I am providing local authorities with £25m in grants this year to enable them to support such non-commercial services. Each local authority determines which services to support.

You may wish to forward this petition to Carmarthenshire County Council to ask if it might use its allocation from this grant or its own funding to reinstate the services to which you refer.