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Dear Councillor Fychan,

The campaign to save our A&E services is the most important challenge facing our communities. It is a campaign that we must win. A key strength of our campaign is unity; across communities, across the trades unions and across political parties.

We have been disappointed therefore to see leaflets being distributed in parts of the Pontypridd constituency, which claim that the future of our A&E is under threat from the Welsh Labour Government and call on the Welsh Government to intervene at this stage in the process. In the interests of avoiding a distracting party-political argument we decided not to respond to these assertions which are both inaccurate and misleading. Instead, we have concentrated all our efforts on working with people to win this campaign.

However, the Plaid Cymru debate at the National Assembly for Wales on 11th March 2020 revealed that Plaid Cymru are fully aware that the Welsh Government cannot legally intervene in the process at this time. Summing up at the end of the debate Helen Mary Jones AM, Plaid Health Spokesperson said "I am not disputing the point that, now this process has begun, the point at which the Minister might be able to intervene is after a decision is made."

The leaflet also falsely claim that the Welsh Labour Government has refused to train and recruit enough doctors. You will be aware that this is the responsibility of the health Board.

We do not doubt your sincerity in wanting to play a part in the campaign to save our A&E, but the contradiction between what Plaid say at the Assembly and what you say in your leaflet, suggests that you are intent on making this a party-political issue. Your leaflet is both inaccurate and misleading and we ask you to cease any further distribution with immediate effect.

We reiterate that unity must be at the heart of our campaign. We ask you to put aside any party-political advantage you may perceive and join us, the trades unions and the people of all our communities in fighting for the retention of a 24 hour, consultant-led A&E at the Royal Glamorgan.

Yours sincerely,



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