

An article in the Daily Post raised concerns over why there appears to not be any written correspondence between Welsh Government ministers and health board chiefs regarding the Tawel Fan investigation. The Daily Post requested to see correspondence under the Freedom of Information Act.

It's clear that the Government has been discussing Tawel Fan with the health board but the information has yet to be shared. Transparency and openness are a prerequisite to regaining public confidence in Betsi Cadwaladr health board. North Wales Assembly Members have all expressed their concerns as to how imperative it is that the public were able to see positive developments further to the findings of the Ockenden report.

A Welsh Government spokesperson explained that the vast majority of correspondence was conducted by officials and not the ministers themselves. He said 'there is also frequent contact in meetings and in telephone conversations between the Welsh Government and health boards.'

'Once the Donna Ockenden report and police investigations were concluded, the issue in relation to Tawel Fan were dealt with as part of the overall decision to increase the level on intervention in the health board, which resulted in the board being placed in special measures in June 2015.'

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