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Dear Elin,

I am writing to you about the record of proceedings for my response to the Welsh Conservatives Debate on Ambulance response times on 22 September 2021, in which I said:

“So, we need cohesive actions to take place at local, regional and national level, and despite significant investment and accelerated recruitment to the Welsh ambulance services, staff resourcing has continued to be significantly impacted, as some have pointed out, by staff absence, and that’s through a combination of staff sickness, which *grew by 10 per cent in June 2021*, self-isolation—they are affected of course by COVID as well—shielding, annual leave—which was delayed, of course, for so many staff as a result of the emergency response to the pandemic.”

I regret to say that the figure I referred to (in italics) above is inaccurate. In actual fact, the level of staff sickness within the Welsh Ambulance Services Trust grew to 10 per cent rather than by 10 per cent as stated in my response. Given that this is a matter of factual accuracy, I would be grateful if you would arrange for this correction to be published alongside the record of proceedings.

Yours sincerely,

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