

Dear Huw,

Thank you so much for your response and for the kind words and good wishes. I am pleased that you have been following Cian's progress via our Facebook Page.

I am very grateful that you supported the call for the Parliamentary Debate by contacting the Leader of the House, and it is fantastic news that a date has been arranged. It demonstrates that democracy can work, and that the e-petitions are a powerful tool for the public to be actively involved in politics.

I wish you well in your choice to change direction and concentrate your career ambitions towards the Welsh Assembly, although it is disappointing that it will leave the people of the Ogmore Constituency without a voice or representation in Parliament until a By-election can be arranged.

However, you certainly have my permission to find a colleague to attend the debate and to raise Cian's situation to highlight the need to consider allocating more resource to brain tumour research.

I was considering contacting the Conservative Member of Parliament for Cardiff North, Craig Williams to take up the cause; as although we are not his constituents, Noah's Ark Children's Hospital is situated within his constituency. However, it would be more appropriate to have Labour representation, as the communities that have supported Cian are predominantly Labour.

It is reassuring to know that you will personally support more resource to combatting Cancer as an Assembly Member. The National Assembly has devolved powers and budget to make key decisions on health, and the NHS has such an integral historical link to Wales. Therefore it should be a role model for how healthcare is delivered; but our own experiences through our previous campaign for genetics, and other similar media stories, demonstrate there are still improvements to be made.

Although I can appreciate there are conflicting pressures on budgets, as I work within a Central Government Department, I believe that investing wisely in health and welfare will bring long term benefits in the future.

I am thrilled to hear that you will be attending the Charity Rugby Match at Llanharan RFC on 8<sup>th</sup> April, and I sincerely hope that it will be a fantastic occasion for the whole community.

Cian is due to be receiving more chemotherapy that week, but I am hoping that he will be well enough to make an appearance, as I am sure he will enjoy the occasion. It will also give you the opportunity to meet him (and the rest of us), and you will understand why getting him better means so much to us and the rest of his friends and family.

I look forward to hearing from you soon, and wish you the best of luck in your campaign,

Richard Case