<u>£6.8million to improve performance at</u> <u>Betsi Cadwaladr</u>

The £6.8million Welsh Government funding will be used to strengthen the Health Board's delivery of planned and unscheduled care across all three hospitals, and drive further improvements to mental health and learning disability services.

Vaughan Gething said:

"In May I set out my expectations for the Health Board over the next 18 months, and made a commitment to provide more intensive support, including additional resources to quickly and efficiently deliver the improvements needed to the Health Board.

"Today's funding forms part of that support. It will be used to set up stronger operational governance and accountability at the Health Board and to push forward financial improvements. I expect to see significant improvements for patients as a result, especially in planned and unscheduled care across North Wales."

The Health Secretary added:

"This additional support comes as a new Chair prepares to take up his appointment next month. This marks a new phase in the Health Board's improvement journey. The key focus remains on driving forward the work to deliver sustained change and ensuring the people of North Wales receive the health service they deserve."