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Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Chair
Petitions Committee

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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your further letter of 27 January regarding petition P-05-1052, asking me to consider further options for the NHS pay review, which might include backdating any pay award due to the pandemic.

As I confirmed in my reply last October, Welsh Government has remitted the independent pay review body process for Agenda for Change and Medical and Dental staff to work with our NHS union and employer partners through the independent process to ensure the best possible reward package. I have asked for the pay review round to be brought forward as soon as possible, but the timelines are set by UK Government and they are due to report in May for pay recommendations from April 2021.

Our health and care workers continue to work incredibly hard to care for people – as they have done throughout the pandemic. We will keep all options for recognising the commitment and contribution of NHS staff and care workers during the pandemic open.

Yours sincerely,

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