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Minister for Health
UK Government

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Dear Minister

Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Health and Care Bill

The Health and Social Care Committee is currently scrutinising the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Health and Care Bill, laid by the Welsh Government on 1 September 2021. To inform our deliberations, we would welcome your response to the matters set out in the annex to this letter.

To enable us to consider your views in line with the reporting deadline set by the Senedd's Business Committee, it would be helpful to receive your response no later than **Tuesday 19 October**.

Yours sincerely



Russell George MS

Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

Annex

To inform the Health and Social Care Committee's scrutiny of the Legislative Consent Memorandum ("the LCM") on the Health and Care Bill ("the Bill"), we would welcome your views on the matters listed below.

1. An update on discussions with the Welsh Government in respect of the matters raised in the LCM, including any amendments you intend to bring forward to the Bill or other steps you are taking to address the issues raised by the Welsh Government.
2. The LCM notes that the Welsh Government has concerns about a number of clauses in the Bill, and states that the Bill could have negative impacts on NHS bodies in Wales. What assessment has the UK Government made of the potential impact of the provisions in the Bill on NHS bodies in Wales?
3. The LCM states that the potential financial implications of the provisions in the Bill for NHS bodies in Wales are unknown:
 - a. What work is being done by the UK Government to assess the potential financial implications for NHS bodies in Wales?
 - b. How are the Welsh Government and NHS bodies in Wales being involved or consulted in the development of plans to implement the provisions in the Bill?

How to share your views

Please email your response to seneddhealth@senedd.wales by no later than Tuesday 19 October 2021.

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