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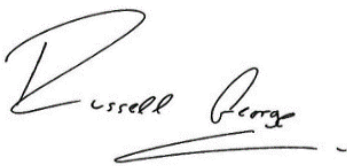
Dear Minister

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 UK Government in respect of the matters raised in the LCM, including details of any assurances the Welsh Government is seeking, amendments it is proposing, or agreements that have been reached with the UK Government. We would also be grateful to receive copies of any relevant correspondence with the UK Government on these matters.
- 2.** The LCM notes that the Welsh Government has concerns about a number of clauses in the Bill. We would welcome further information about the Welsh Government's concerns in respect of:
 - a. Clause 85 (Medicines information systems).
 - b. Clause 120 (International healthcare arrangements)
 - c. Clause 123 (Regulation of health care and associated provisions).
- 3.** Paragraph 70 of the LCM notes that the Bill could have potential negative impacts on NHS bodies in Wales. We would welcome further details about the anticipated nature and extent of these negative impacts.
- 4.** The Welsh Government's view on the potential implications of clause 75 (Tidying up etc provisions about accounts of certain NHS bodies) for the NHS Business Services Authority and NHS Blood and Transport.
- 5.** The Welsh Government's views on any implications for Wales of the restructuring of the NHS in England proposed by the Bill, including any anticipated cross-border issues, employment issues, or issues relating to the commissioning of services for Welsh patients from NHS England such as mental health in patient care or cancer services.
- 6.** Further information about the potential financial implications associated with the provisions in the Bill, and how they will be accommodated within the Welsh Government's financial planning.
- 7.** An outline of the reasons for this LCM not being laid before the Senedd until eight weeks after the introduction of the Bill to the UK Parliament when Standing Order 29.2(i) requires an LCM to be laid normally no later than two weeks after the introduction of 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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