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Question 3. Any other issues.

I believe that like any business, NHS Wales can be fixed by small yet effective steps and solutions.

I have a friend who is involved in 'clearing' houses following the death of a Tenant. One of his responsibilities is to secure and keep safe any prescription medicines or pills in the property.

He is now sat on two 'IBC' containers full of pills. (minus instructions and boxes) He collects colossal amounts and believes strongly that it is the fact that they are free in Wales plays a big part in the volume of medication that he collects.

Surely a 'small' fee would jog the memory of people too lazy and inept to cancel, for instance repeat prescriptions that are no longer needed. And also a fee would make people value their meds.

Free prescriptions in Wales is a 'nice' idea but clearly costing a lot of money. I don't know much about the NHS in Wales but I have been in business 44 years and know that 'waste' of any kind has only one result on the bottom line.

P.S. I apologise for the 'simplicity' of this suggestion.