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Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP  
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care  
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Dear Steve

**Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill**

The Welsh Government's Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill has been referred to the Senedd's Health and Social Care Committee for scrutiny of its general principles.

As you may be aware, the HSP Bill includes provision for:

- A 'disapplication power' to enable the Welsh Ministers to disapply provisions of the UK Government's Procurement Bill (once passed) that would otherwise apply to the procurement of health services in Wales.
- A 'creation power' to enable Welsh Ministers to develop and implement a new procurement regime for health services in Wales through subordinate legislation.

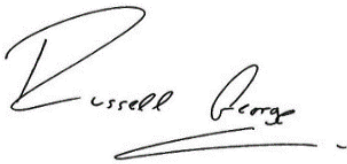
The Explanatory Memorandum for the Bill explains that among the drivers for the Welsh Government's Bill is the work the UK Government is taking forward to reform the procurement of health services in England via the development of the Provider Selection Regime under the Health and Care Act 2022.

We would therefore be grateful for information about:

1. Your plans to introduce a Provider Selection Regime for health service procurement in England, including details about the anticipated scope and arrangements for the new regime (for example which health services will be included or excluded) and the anticipated legislative and implementation timescales.
2. Any discussions (including copies of relevant correspondence) at Ministerial or official level between the UK and Welsh Governments about the development of the UK Government's proposed Provider Selection Regime, the Welsh Government's HSP Bill or subordinate legislation to be made under that Bill. This should include any discussions about the potential for subordinate legislation-making powers for Welsh Ministers to disapply or create health service procurement arrangements to be included in the UK Government's Procurement Bill.

As we will be taking oral evidence from the Welsh Government's Minister for Health and Social Services on Thursday 30 March, it would be helpful to receive your response **by Wednesday 15 March 2023**.

Yours sincerely

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Russell George MS  
Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

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