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Minister for Health and Social Services

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Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

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Minister for Economy

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Primary Care Electronic Prescription Service

Dear Ministers,

Community Pharmacy Wales (CPW) has raised concerns with me, in my capacity as Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee, about the introduction of the primary care electronic prescribing service in Wales.

CPW is worried that the shift to electronic prescribing will have a negative impact on community pharmacies, as they will be unable to compete with large distance-selling pharmacies based in England.

CPW has stated that the reduction in the number of prescriptions dispensed in community pharmacies, along with the loss of additional purchases made by individuals filling prescriptions, is likely to lead to a loss of income which will result in pharmacy closures. I have attached a copy of a letter sent to me by CPW outlining these concerns in more detail.

Please could you provide me with a response to the issues raised in the letter. I ask that your response includes details on the potential impact on the extended range of clinical services provided

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by community pharmacies under the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework, which the Welsh Government re-negotiated with Community Pharmacy Wales, which will then also impact on other parts of the NHS.

I have copied this letter to Russell George MS, in his capacity as Chair of the Health Committee, and Paul Davies MS, in his capacity as Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mark Isherwood', is written over a horizontal line.

Mark Isherwood MS

Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

