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Minister for Health and Social Services

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Dear Minister

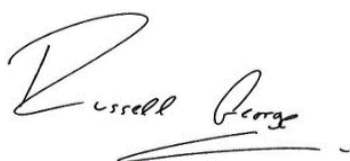
Update on 2023-24 Financial Position – additional support for the NHS

I write regarding the recent announcement by the Minister for Finance and Local Government about the 2023-24 financial position. In her statement on 17 October, she confirmed that the Welsh Government would provide an additional £425 million to support the NHS this year. She went on to say, however, that despite this additional support, health boards will still need to make “some extremely difficult decisions” this year and next, in order to balance their budgets.

In light of this announcement, I would be grateful if you would:

- confirm whether the figure of £425 million of funding for the NHS is entirely additional funding, or whether it includes any savings that you have already asked the health boards to make;
- set out what impact you expect this additional funding will have on the “difficult decisions” that will still need to be taken by health boards both this year and next; and
- provide an update on discussions taking place with health boards about the level of savings they will need to make this year.

Yours sincerely



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Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

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