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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your further letter of 6 October on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding the inequalities in accessing healthcare for those with Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (EDS) and Hypermobility spectrum disorders (HSD) in Wales.

I was sorry to read about the difficulties highlighted by Ehlers Danloss Support UK regarding obtaining access to healthcare for EDS and HSD patients.

We are meeting with relevant leads throughout November with an aim to respond formally before Christmas. I will ask my officials to share the feedback received to the relevant leads for both rare diseases and musculoskeletal conditions within the NHS Executive and ask them to collectively compare their understanding of current services and the issues raised. We will look to provide a response to the Committee regarding this work and ask how the NHS intends to support people living with these conditions.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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