

Jeremy Miles MS

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

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Dear Jeremy,

The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs Etc.) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

We considered the above Regulations at our meeting on 16 July 2024. We are grateful for the Welsh Government's response which we considered at our meeting on 16 September 2024.

In our report we state that there was a lack of clarity in the definition of "general medical practitioner" in the Regulations. In the response received on 16 September, we are told that the provision will be made clearer at the next available opportunity, and within the next 12 months.

We believe that the definition is fundamental to the regulations, and so we find it disappointing that this lack of clarity could be on the statute book for up to another 12 months.

We also note that the response does not explain the potential impact of this lack of clarity, nor what the term was intended to mean, which would have been helpful for the Committee and for any stakeholders looking at this legislation.

We would therefore be grateful to receive further clarity on these points by 10 October 2024.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Hedges

Chair