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Peredur Owen Griffiths MS  
Chair of the Finance Committee  
Senedd Cymru

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Dear Peredur,

### **Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill – Revised Regulatory Impact Assessment**

Following the completion of the Stage 2 proceedings in respect of the Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill, and in line with Standing Order 26.28, a revised Explanatory Memorandum has been laid and I would like to bring relevant changes which have been made to the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) to the Committee's attention.

#### The Committee's recommendations

In my letter of 18 October, following the publication of the Committee's Stage 1 report, I set out my initial response to the Committee's recommendations. I can now provide further details for those recommendations in response to which the RIA has been revised.

In response to the Committee's recommendation 2, I have included an additional summary table in the RIA (at Chapter 6) to demonstrate how the constituent elements agree with the range of total costs of the Bill.

In response to the Committee's recommendation 4, I have updated and corrected any errors or apparent inconsistencies, and provided further information regarding annual costs and benefits, where possible.

In response to the Committee's recommendation 6, I have provided an update about latest evidence on private providers expected to convert to "not-for-profit" status in the RIA.

In response to the Committee's recommendation 8, I have reviewed the assumptions made about the projected number of looked after children in the RIA.

In response to the Committee's recommendation 9, I have set out the rationale for the costs relating to modelled revenue for for-profit provision during the transition period, which are in tables 7.19 and 7.22 of the RIA.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

In response to the Committee's recommendation 16, I have provided further detail on how the costs for implementation and administration of Continuing Healthcare direct payments have been estimated.

In response to the Committee's recommendation 17, I have provided further information to support the use of the estimated CHC package cost in the RIA.

In response to the Committee's recommendation 18, where possible I have confirmed the sources used to justify modelling the financial implications of the proposals for funding Continuing Health Care direct payments in Wales on the level of savings made by NHS England after the introduction of Personal Health Budgets.

Provisions relating to eliminating profit from the care of looked after children

In my [written statement of 27 November 2024](#), I outlined the adjusted timescale for the transitional arrangements for the provisions relating to eliminating profit from the care of looked after children. The cost implications as a result of this have been reflected in the RIA. I would be happy to provide the Committee with further information on these changes if needed.

I would like to take the opportunity to again thank the Finance Committee for its scrutiny of the Bill.

I have copied this letter to the Chairs of the Health and Social Care Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dawn Bowden', with a stylized, cursive script.

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