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Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair
Petitions committee

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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter about Petition P-06-1505 Review the Carr Hill Formula in Wales - the funding system for primary care.

Since 2004, the majority of general practice funding has been derived from the global sum payment. This is based on the number of patients registered and weighted using the Carr-Hill formula to take account of proxy measures for workload. The weighting factors include age and sex, mortality and morbidity, as well as rurality.

I am aware of concerns raised by some practices that the Carr-Hill funding allocation does not fully address the demands of their local circumstances, and I recently visited a practice in Cardiff to learn more about these.

BMA Wales is the recognised representative body for doctors in Wales. The Welsh Government is committed to a social partnership approach for contractual matters and we engage with NHS Wales and GPC Wales in annual tripartite negotiations. The funding allocation for general practice is subject to contract negotiations.

Negotiations for the 2025-26 contract are scheduled to commence ahead of the summer recess. I cannot comment further on this petition until those discussions have taken place.

Yours sincerely,

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