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Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol Health and Social Care Committee

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Dear Colleague,

The National Assembly for Wales's Health and Social Care Committee has agreed to undertake work on **access to medical technologies in Wales**.

The Committee is eager to hear your views on the scope of this inquiry. Members would like to know what you think the terms of reference should be for this work, and on what aspects of accessing medical technologies they should focus their efforts. Please note that the Committee does not intend to discuss access to medicines as part of this inquiry, only medical technologies.

Please note that **this is an opportunity to comment on the scope of the inquiry only**, not to submit your written evidence. A further call for more detailed written evidence will be issued later this year, once the terms of reference have been agreed. The inquiry's timing is dependent on the Committee's legislative workload.

The Committee would also welcome comments on:

- the uptake of medical technology in Wales, and the possible barriers to effective new (non-drug) treatments being more accessible to patients;
- current appraisal processes for new medical technologies;
- the decision-making process in NHS Wales on funding new medical technologies/treatments.

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Invitation to comment on the scope of the inquiry

A period of six weeks is available for you to submit your comments on the scope of the inquiry. Comments should arrive by **Friday 5 October**. The Committee will consider all responses received in advance of agreeing the final terms of reference. It may not be possible to take into account suggestions received after this date.

If you wish to submit comments, please email HSCCommittee@wales.gov.uk or write to: Committee Clerk, Health and Social Care Committee, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA. The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh, and we ask organisations with Welsh Language policies / schemes to provide bilingual responses, where applicable, in line with their public information policies

Disclosure of information

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Please contact the Clerk of the Committee on the details below should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

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