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Dear Mark,

**ENQUIRY FROM THE HEALTH and SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE RE THE  
FUNDING OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY PHARMACY SERVICES**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the funding of additional services delivered by Community Pharmacies. The question that has been sent to my office from the Committee Secretariat is reproduced in bold below for ease of reference.

**“What would be the implications for the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework of a change in the way that community pharmacies in Wales are remunerated for certain additional services. For example if payments for Minor Ailments Schemes were to be made on a capitation basis?”**

**In asking this question, the Committee is only referring to the way in which community pharmacies are reimbursed for additional services and whether they should be on a capitation rather than a fee basis”.**

Payment on a capitation basis, underpinned by a patient registration system, is one of the options being explored as part of the development phase to establish a minor ailments scheme in Wales delivered by community pharmacies. You may also find it useful to know that we already fund other additional services such as Enhanced Hormonal Contraception, Medicine Use Reviews and Discharge Medicine Reviews on a type of capitation basis, i.e., payment is triggered by delivery of the service to an individual.

We will in due course consult with stakeholders on the most effective and cost effective mechanisms for funding this service but we do not consider a capitation based approach to have any significant implications for the contractual framework.

Kind Regards  
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