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Dear Dai,

Spending on Primary Care

In my evidence session to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's scrutiny of the Draft Budget on 7 November 2018, I agreed to provide a note on spending on primary care.

Capital Spending

In December 2017, I launched a pipeline of 19 primary care projects across Wales to be delivered by 2021. Of these, 15 are capital schemes and 4 are revenue funded schemes. The schemes are a combination of refurbishment and redevelopment of existing NHS assets and new build projects. These are subject to provision of successful business cases by the relevant NHS bodies.

When the pipeline was launched with £68m identified to support the delivery of the pipeline over the period 2018-2021. As the business cases for the schemes are being developed, further funding requirements are being reported. As a result, the draft budget provides additional capital funding of £4.5m in 2020-21. The provision of a new generation of integrated health and care centres through this pipeline is a key commitment in *Taking Wales Forward* and a cornerstone of the Health & Wellbeing Policy in *Prosperity for All*.

Revenue Spending

With regard to revenue spend you asked for the amount of funding going to primary care in each of the last three years. I can confirm the amounts are as follows:

2015-16 £1,365m

2016-17 £1,374m

2017-18 £1,436m, which in each year represents 21% of the total health budget.

In 2018-19, we would expect the investment to increase by approximately £27.7m to reflect the agreed DDRB increase for GPs and dentists and in 2019-20, subject to IMTPs, we will expect further investments in primary care in addition to the agreed DDRB increase.

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I trust the Committee will find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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