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Stephen Hammond MP  
Minister of State for Health  
Department of Health and Social Care  
39 Victoria Street  
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Dear Stephen,

## **HEALTHCARE (INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS) BILL**

Thank you for your letters of 20 and 27 February notifying me that the proposed additional wording to the Memorandum of Understanding to underpin the intended amendment to the Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill has been agreed.

I welcome this confirmation and wish to take the opportunity to echo your recognition of the positive working relationships between your Department and the Welsh Government which has enabled us to reach this position. I very much look forward to this approach continuing in relation to the development of healthcare agreements and any regulations giving effect to these agreements.

In the light of the agreement on the proposed amendment to the Bill and the MoU, I can confirm that arrangements are in hand for a Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum and Motion to be laid which will recommend that the National Assembly gives consent to the Bill. The Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum is due to be laid on 1 March 2019 and the debate on the Motion is scheduled for 12 March 2019. My officials will notify your Department of the outcome of the debate.

I would note that any statutory instrument which amends Welsh primary legislation would of course be subject to a Statutory Instrument Consent Motion in the Assembly, and it would be for the National Assembly for Wales to decide whether to recommend that consent be given.

I am copying this letter to the First Minister, the Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, the Northern Ireland Permanent Secretary for the Department for Health, the Secretary of State for Wales and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

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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