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Dear James,

Thank you for your letter of 14 December, seeking my agreement to the UK Government's proposed approach to fixing regulations relating to reciprocal healthcare.

I note that the approach taken in these correcting regulations is intended to complement the Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill. I wrote to you in relation to this Bill on 4 December and I understand that officials are currently engaged on this issue. Once we have reached agreement on the framework legislation, and the memorandum which will establish the foundation of cooperation on reciprocal healthcare, I will be able to consider in more detail the proposed approach to fixing legislation under the section 8 powers in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

I welcome your offer of further discussion on the proposed legislation with officials within your department. I will write to you again once these discussions have taken place.

On the specific issue of consent, I will be able to consider the consent of Welsh Ministers to the proposed legislation when regulations are shared. I would be grateful if you would write again at this point.

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

Yours sincerely,

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