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Dear Sirs,

Re: Response of HEIW to the consultation in respect of the National Health Service (Indemnities) (Wales) Bill (“Indemnities Bill”)

To assist the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee (the Committee) in its undertaking of a consultation process in respect of the above Indemnity Bill, I am pleased to outline below the response of HEIW’s Board in respect of the matter.

Whilst being very supportive of the elements within the Indemnities Bill we confirm that the consultation is timely from HEIW’s perspective. This is because a possible gap has recently been identified in respect of the coverage provided by the Welsh Risk Pool indemnity for the education supervision provided by NHS GPS and Consultants.

No current indemnity for the educational supervision provided by GPS and Consultants to medical trainees

It has recently been brought to light that the indemnity provided by the Welsh Risk Pool does not provide cover for the educational supervision provided by GPs and Consultants to medical trainees.

This is an area of concern for HEIW as the lack of indemnity cover creates the risk that primary and secondary care workers will be reluctant to take on these essential supervisory roles.

We confirm that HEIW has recently written to the Welsh Risk Pool to request that they clarify the position in respect of the indemnity for this element of work undertaken by GPs and Consultants. The letter is attached for information at Appendix 1.

Given this we would respectfully request that the Committee ensures that the amended Section 30 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 enables the Welsh Risk Pool to provide indemnity cover for such educational supervision provided by GPs and Consultants to medical trainees.

Indemnity for the Education Provision provided by all NHS Staff

The recent work undertaken by HEIW in respect of securing the Indemnity on education supervision provided for Consultants and GPs has also raises the broader question of ensuring that the Welsh Risk Pool indemnity also provides cover for all training undertaken by NHS staff.

Given this we would also respectfully request that the Committee ensures that the final amended version of the Act enables th Welsh Risk Pool to provide comprehensive cover for the all training supervision provided by NHS staff.

Yours faithfully,



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Dear Sirs,

Re: Indemnity for the educational supervision

Indemnity for educational supervision provided by GPs and Consultants to medical trainees

It has recently been brought to light that the indemnity provided by the Welsh Risk Pool may not provide cover for the educational supervision provided by GPs and Consultants to medical trainees.

This is a possible area of concern for HEIW as such a lack of indemnity cover will create the risk that primary and secondary care workers will be reluctant to take on these essential supervisory roles.

Given the above we would be grateful if the Welsh Risk Pool will clarify the position and confirm that its indemnity covers educational supervision provided by GPs and Consultants for medical trainees.

Indemnity for the Education Provision provided by all NHS Staff

Consideration of the above matter has also raised the broader question of ensuring that the Welsh Risk Pool indemnity also provides cover for all educational supervision provided by NHS staff.

Given this could the Welsh Risk Pool also confirm that its indemnity covers educational supervision provided by all NHS trainers.

Should you require any further information or background information then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,



Dafydd Bebb
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