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18 January 2017

Dear Dai,

Public Health (Wales) Bill

I would like to thank you and the committee for the opportunity to discuss the Public Health (Wales) Bill on 11 January 2017 and for your follow-up letter of 12 January 2017.

I have been giving careful consideration to the evidence the committee has received during Stage 1, including the evidence you refer to in your letter. The specific issues raised in your letter relating to intimate piercing and the relevant offences under the proposed special procedures licensing system require detailed consideration. I therefore intend to write to the committee with further information about these points once I have had an opportunity to explore all the relevant issues in detail.

In the interim, I enclose a copy of the letter I sent to BMA Cymru Wales on 21 December 2016, following their evidence to the committee. In the letter, I have confirmed I am happy to reiterate the assurances, which were provided by the previous Health Minister when the Bill was considered by the Fourth Assembly. I have also confirmed the previous amendments to the provisions about pharmaceutical needs assessments, which were made in response to the BMA's concerns have been retained in the Bill.

Kind regards

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21 December 2016

Dear Keith,

During the evidence provided on behalf of BMA Cymru Wales by Dr. Phil Banfield and Dr. Stephen Monaghan at the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's evidence session on the Public Health (Wales) Bill on 15 December, I was asked to provide certain assurances in relation to pharmaceutical needs assessments.

I can confirm that I am content to reiterate the assurances which were provided when the Bill was considered by the previous Assembly. These are also consistent with amendments made to the Bill during the previous scrutiny process, which have been retained.

The specific detail of how pharmaceutical needs assessments will be conducted will be set out in regulations following the passage of the Bill. We will consult on those regulations but I am happy to give an indication now that I expect pharmaceutical needs assessments to reflect consideration of the contribution of all providers in addressing local health needs. That would clearly include the contribution of dispensing doctors. I would be pleased for GPC Wales to contribute to these discussions and I have asked my officials to ensure you are involved at the appropriate stage as a key stakeholder.

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