

Rt Hon David TC Davies MP
Secretary of State for Wales

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Dear David

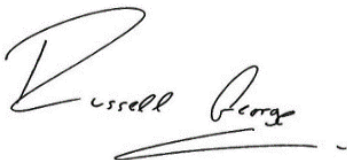
The Committee is currently in the process of preparing its report on the Welsh Government's draft budget 2024-25. As part of that work, we held an oral evidence session on 17 January with the Minister for Health and Social Services, Eluned Morgan MS.

During that session, in discussion on the junior doctor strikes and the various pay offers that have been made to doctors across the UK, the Minister told us that she has been unable to get clarity from the UK government about the source of the 6 per cent uplift offered to junior doctors in England. This is significant because, as you will be aware, if the uplift is to be funded from a central budget, Wales will be entitled to additional consequential funding, whereas if it is to be funded from within the existing health budget for England, there will be no such consequential payment.

This is clearly an important issue, and one that needs confirming urgently, not least so that the Welsh Government is able to plan effectively.

The Committee would be grateful if you would look into this matter and provide us with some clarity. We must lay our report on the draft budget by 5 February. We would, therefore, appreciate a response in advance of that.

Yours sincerely



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Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

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