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Dear Russell,

I published a [written statement on 15 January](#) following the publication of the final evaluation reports about minimum unit pricing (MUP).

As set out in my statement, the Welsh Government must provide a report on the operation and effect of the MUP legislation as soon as practicable after 1 March 2025. In preparing this report, we have a duty to consult the Senedd and other persons we consider appropriate.

The findings of the final evaluations will help inform the report, as will a 12-week consultation with relevant stakeholders. Public Health Wales will also capture the views of the public via survey research.

I would like to ask the Health and Social Care Committee to consider undertaking its own review of MUP via a short call for evidence. If the committee felt it could undertake this work, this would ensure future work on MUP is informed by evidence of its implementation and impacts, the views of all key stakeholders and Senedd Members.

I am pleased with the progress MUP has made to date, particularly given that the pandemic started in the same month that it was introduced. I would be happy to discuss this in more detail and would value your views on how to move forward, including whether the committee could support this work.

Yours sincerely,

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