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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 30 September on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding Welsh NHS Prosthetic Limb Technology.

Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) is responsible for determining which specialised services will be provided each year via an evidence based prioritisation process. The current COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the NHS and has impacted on elements of usual financial and service planning within the health boards. As a result this has led to a requirement to re-focus on priority areas. The provision of microprocessor knee (MPK) prostheses have been placed on WHSSC's static list and will continue to be considered.

I do however recognise the importance of MPKs as a vital component to improve rehabilitation outcomes and quality of life for lower limb amputees. My officials will continue to remain in regular communication with WHSSC and other key stakeholders to ensure evidence will be available to inform their future commissioning decisions.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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