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Mike Hedges MS
Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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Dear Mike,

Thank you for your letter dated 26 September 2025 in regard to correcting drafting defects in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025; as identified in the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee report.

The Welsh Government had previously indicated an opportunity to correct the Regulations in summer 2025. Subsequently there have been further policy developments in regard of the provision of pharmaceutical services which my officials have been considering and will require further amendment of the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

The decision has therefore been taken to hold over the correcting amendments until such time the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) Regulations 2020 are amended for wider policy changes, that being an appropriate and available legislative vehicle.

As previously stated, the Welsh Government believes the inconsistency in the use of the terms identified in the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee report are not prejudicial to the understanding or interpretation of the regulations.

The Welsh Government intends to lay a statutory instrument early in 2026 which will capture the various policy changes to the provision of pharmaceutical services and, at the same time, include the correction of the defects you have identified in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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