

Jeremy Miles MS

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

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Dear Jeremy

**The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments)
Regulations 2025**

At the meeting of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee on 22 September 2025, the Committee considered an analysis of Welsh Government commitments to correct statutory instruments where errors have been identified by the Committee in our reports to the Senedd.

You will be aware that the Committee's report on The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025 identified a potential drafting defect in those Regulations. The Welsh Government's response to reporting point 1 stated:

*"The Welsh Government acknowledges that there remain instances where the abbreviation "ETP" is used in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) Regulations 2020 ("2020 Regulations") which have not been captured by the amendments made by these Regulations. Given "ETP" has been a previously used defined term and is well understood within Community Pharmacy, the Welsh Government considers the limited instances where it remains within the 2020 Regulations will be understood by those using the Regulations. **The opportunity to clarify the terminology will be taken when further amendments to the 2020 Regulations are planned in summer 2025.**" (Emphasis added.)*

The Committee would welcome clarity as to when the amending regulations that were planned for the summer will be laid before the Senedd.

The Committee would welcome a response by 15 October 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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Mike Hedges

Chair

