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Welsh Government

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Dear Eluned

### Welsh Government plans

The Committee recently held a strategic planning session to reflect on our work to date in the Sixth Senedd, and to consider our future work programme. We plan to publish a brief report on our review in due course.

In our work of scrutinising the Welsh Government, we aim to be constructive. When scheduling our work, therefore, we try to take into account as far as possible what information is available to us about the Welsh Government's planned policies, strategies, plans and consultations, including timescales (and any changes to previously announced timescales).

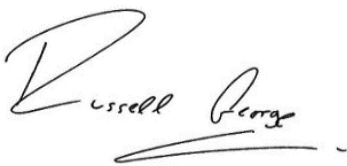
To assist us in developing our work programme, we would be grateful for an update on the following:

1. The **women's health plan** being developed by the NHS Wales Collaborative to deliver the ambitions set out in July 2022 in the [quality statement for women and girls' health](#). In particular, we would be grateful for information about:
  - a. Your decision to ask NHS Wales to develop the women's health plan, when only some of the issues can be addressed by health services. For example, improving women's health depends on wider determinants such as poverty, research and development, not just the provision of clinical services.

- b. The terms of reference for the clinical network on women's health, to help further our understanding of how service delivery (clinical/ health-related services) and wider policy decisions aimed at improving women's health will work together.
  - c. The plans for the dedicated research fund for women's health, including when it will be operational and who will oversee it.
  - d. How sustainable co-production in the development, implementation and monitoring of the women's health plan will be resourced.
  - e. Your specific priorities for women's health during this Senedd. We note that the quality statement includes a list of many different health conditions where there is gender inequality. How will work in these different areas be prioritised?
2. The **stroke implementation plan** being developed by the Stroke Implementation Group to deliver the ambitions set out in September 2021 in the **quality statement for stroke**, including when you expect the plan to be published.
  3. The final report on the **evaluation of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014**. Our understanding is that the final report is due to be published before the end of March 2023; could you confirm this date.
  4. When the **Health Planning Guidelines** and **health board allocations** will be published (as they have been in recent years).

We would be grateful for a response **by 3 April 2023**.

Yours sincerely



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Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

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