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Dear Russell,

Thank you for your recent written questions asking me:

- to provide a timeline for the completion of the review of the NHS Wales bursary schemes for all medical and healthcare students.
- what engagement I have had with medical and healthcare students to understand their experiences as part of the review of the NHS Wales bursary schemes and;
- what plans I have for further engagement with medical and healthcare students as part of the review of NHS Wales bursaries.

The viability of interim solutions are currently being scoped within education and finance budgets. The proposals and associated costs are complex and may require changes in legislation, so will need to be fully scoped before we fully understand the implications and timelines.

The review will allow for a period of consultation with the public and key stakeholders, including medical and healthcare students to enable the Programme Board to fully understand and identify incentives and conditions that would attract students to study and work in Wales beyond graduation.

Senior officials are also meeting with current medical students and junior doctors from the BMA's Welsh Medical Student Committee, to hear about their current and recent

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experiences. This feedback will assist with the review and help shape the direction of a future scheme. We are also exploring further ways to engage more widely with healthcare students in order to seek their views.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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