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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your recent Written Question asking me, further to my response to TQ841, what the 6 NHS priority areas are and in which areas do I expect Welsh NHS spending reprioritisations to affect.

I issued the NHS Wales Planning Framework 2023-26 to NHS organisations in November last year, which set out the broad requirements that will underpin NHS plans going forward.

Given the complex planning environment we are all having to face, in both the short and medium term, and recognising the financial and system pressures, a modified approach for the last planning cycle was adopted. The Framework set out a smaller number of priorities with the need for delivery. These were:

- A closer relationship with the NHS and Local Government to tackle delayed transfers of care
- Improving access to primary care services
- Urgent & emergency care
- Planned Care, Recovery, Diagnostics and Pathways of Care
- Cancer services and reducing the backlog of patients waiting on the cancer pathway
- Mental health and child and adolescent mental health services

Health boards and NHS trusts are responsible for the planning, prioritisation and delivery of healthcare services in line with the framework and within the resources available.

Yours sincerely,

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