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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your recent written questions asking what action I am taking to address inequalities in access to phlebotomy services between health boards and across GP practices?

Health Boards are responsible for the planning of delivery of services for their population, the delivery of phlebotomy services is through a mixed model of GP practices, hospital and community services.

Health Boards are also responsible for managing GP contracts and the services delivered by contractors. Welsh Government have implemented the unified contract for GMS, a new Assurance Framework has been developed with GPC Wales and the Health Boards, to ensure a consistent approach to contract management based on agreed national dataset and metrics.

Yours sincerely

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