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Dear Darren,

I am writing in response to your written question tabled on 27 May, where you asked:

'Will the Cabinet Minister publish the national care pathway for Ehlers-Danlos syndromes and hypermobility spectrum disorders, and provide an explanation for the failure to publish this pathway to date?'

A Community Health Pathway for Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (EDS) and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders (HSD) has been developed through multidisciplinary collaboration, including clinical experts and patient representation.

The pathway will be published by NHS Wales once it has secured agreement through established national governance arrangements. This process is necessary to ensure that it reflects current clinical practice and can be delivered safely and consistently across Wales.

The pathway has not yet been published as agreement through these governance arrangements is still being finalised. Work is continuing with relevant partners, including primary care representatives, to resolve outstanding issues so the pathway can be published with appropriate clinical endorsement.

Yours sincerely,

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