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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your recent Written Question asking how the Welsh Government is working with NHS Wales to reduce the duplication of record keeping.

The Welsh Government is supporting the development of the National Data Resource (NDR). The NDR is a major digital transformation programme which will make it easier to join-up health and care data from various sources, minimising the duplication of information collected, within the health and care service in Wales. The programme is committed to adopting the principles of open architecture and adopting common data standards, which will also make it easier for our IT systems to 'talk' to each other.

The Welsh Government is also working with Digital Health and Care Wales and the Wales Health Records Management Advisory Group to review the Records Management Code of Practice for Health and Social Care, last published in February 2022. This is a guidance document for NHS organisations and those providing adult social care relating to the practice of managing records, which ensures it is done consistently, based on established standards and current legislation. It provides guidance on organising, storing, retaining and deleting records. Organisations are encouraged to move away from paper towards digital records, however this guidance applies to all records regardless of the media they are held on. Clear advice on which records must be retained and which can be deleted will help to reduce the duplication of record keeping.

Yours sincerely,

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