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Dear Julie,

Thank you for your question regarding hospice funding in light of the proposed pay offer in England.

I absolutely value the vital contribution made by all of the hard working staff in healthcare settings throughout Wales. I have repeatedly called on the UK Treasury to lift the public sector pay cap and provide additional funding to reward NHS staff across the UK and so was pleased to hear the announcement in England on a proposed new pay offer.

It is important to note that the pay offer in England is directly linked to a proposed new framework for Agenda for Change terms and conditions, which is subject to agreement by trade unions; if this is not agreed and implemented in England then there is no guarantee that any additional funding will flow to Wales from the UK Treasury.

I also recognise the value that hospices contribute to palliative and end of life care for patients and their families. Hospices are able to adapt to meet local need and provide additional support and services at a local level, which often gives hope and enrichment at the end of life.

However, I am aware that any lifting of the public sector pay cap will bring its financial challenges and I would expect close collaboration between health boards and hospices to continue. This collaboration has enabled hospices to access a range of additional NHS funding including Continuing Health Care funding, the pharmacy improvement fund and the capital grants programme.

I hope you have found my reply helpful.

Yours sincerely

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