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Dear Ms Rathbone,

Response to the Social Partnership and Public Procurement Bill

Digital Health and Care Wales welcome the opportunity to respond as part of the consultation on the Social Partnership and Public Procurement Bill. We believe that the bill represents a major step towards Welsh Government's aims to create an economy that promotes fair work, equality, and social justice.

The Bill covers areas that DHCW believes that it already has in place, such as building consensus or compromise with recognised trade unions, which we achieve through our Local Partnership Forum.

The Bill also could confer duties on DHCW around its approach to procurement, something which has been anticipated and has already been taken forward in the organisation. While DHCW agrees with the principles contained within the Bill, there are practical considerations where DHCW would welcome the additional guidance from Welsh Ministers detailed in s43. For example, DHCW would welcome guidance in how to deal with areas where contract performance is working well, but incidental elements of social responsibility are not being met by a contractor. DHCW assumes that contracting authorities would be required to be proportionate in areas where these conflicts arise, so would anticipate that Welsh Government would produce practical guidance to support contracting authorities in their decision making around social responsibility, should the Bill become law.

Yours sincerely

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