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Dear Kirsty

During First Minister's questions on 24 March you asked about progress on the GP practice sustainability fund agreed between Welsh Government and General Practitioners Committee Wales (GPC Wales) and when the sustainability fund and that process will be made available. The First Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The changes to the GP contract for 2015-16 and 2016-17, which have been agreed with GPC Wales, include a commitment to address the sustainability of GP practices through the development of an evidence based approach, including a risk matrix, to assess the extent to which access and continuity of services can be secured and improved where appropriate (through services in addition to those currently provided) for patients, in particular, in rural and deprived urban communities. The evidence based approach will include unavoidably small and multi-site GP practices.

The evidenced based assessment approach to assess any practice support will be agreed as soon as possible, at the latest, by 30 June 2015.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark".

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