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Dear Director General

Anticipated UK Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill – Legislative Consent Memorandum

The Health and Sport Committee is expecting to be referred a Legislative Consent Memorandum in respect of the UK Government Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill.

The Committee would like to invite you to provide oral evidence on this issue at its meeting on the morning of Tuesday 11 December at 10 am for approximately 60 minutes.

It would be helpful in advance of this session if you could provide a response by Tuesday 4 December to the following questions:

- 1. How are costs reimbursed by the DWP/Department of Health to NHS boards (or NHS Scotland) for treating non-UK European Economic Area (EEA) individuals through the EHC Incentive Scheme?**
- 2. How much has NHS Scotland/boards received since the EHC Incentive Scheme was set up in 2014?**
- 3. How are the costs to Boards/NHS Scotland calculated?**
- 4. How does the DWP/Department of Health collect the 'charges' for treating Scottish individuals who are resident in, studying in, or visiting an EEA country?**
- 5. How do NHS boards identify (non-UK) EEA citizens using NHS services in its board area (on behalf of the DWP)?**

6. How much does it cost NHS Scotland to provide treatment for (non-UK) EEA individuals?(what information/data is provided to the DWP/DoH through NHS Scotland?)
7. How many (non-UK) EEA individuals using NHS services of NHS boards in Scotland were reported to DWP in the last five years?
8. What costs to the NHS boards were reported to the DWP that were incurred by (non-UK) EEA individuals in the last five years?
9. What means do the NHS boards use to identify and recover costs for non EEA citizens who are not eligible for NHS treatment?
10. How many non EEA citizens, not eligible for NHS treatment were treated in Scotland in the last five financial years?
11. In the last five financial years, how much did treatment cost for these (non EEA) individuals and how much was recovered?

We will also be writing to the DWP and NHS boards for information requested in the relevant questions detailed above.

It would be helpful if you could indicate your availability, together with a note of any supporting officials, to attend the evidence session by completing and returning the attached Witness Confirmation Form by Monday 3 December.

Yours sincerely



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