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Dear Warwick,

Health and Sport Committee – Supply and Demand for Medicines

Thank you for giving evidence to the Health and Sport Committee on 21 January 2020. The Committee appreciates your time and the information you provided.

Following the session, the Committee had several questions which it wished to pursue further with you:

- What are the main barriers to entry in the generic market?
- How can greater competition in the generics market be encouraged?

Outcomes and value based pricing was mentioned throughout the Committee's meeting and the Committee would welcome the BGMA perspective on what should happen if the outcomes (based on the patient's experience of taking the medicine), once assessed, differ from the original claims by the drug manufacturer.

On behalf of the Committee, I request a response by 26 February 2020 and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lewis Macdonald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue underline for the first letter of "Lewis".

Lewis Macdonald
Convener, Health and Sport Committee