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Dear Jonathan,

Health and Sport Committee – Supply and Demand for Medicines Inquiry

Many thanks for giving evidence to the Committee on 18 February 2020. The Committee appreciates your time once again and the information you have provided.

The Committee has several points it wishes to pursue with you further.

You highlighted an online system used in NHS Forth Valley to collect data on pharmacy based medicine reviews. The Committee is interested to know whether this system has been rolled out in other health board areas, whether it speaks to other systems and whether it is localised to one chain or one pharmacy within NHS Forth Valley.

In addition, the Committee is interested in the issue of wastage and how packaging could be utilised to demonstrate a product had not been opened and/or had been kept in the appropriate conditions. The Committee would welcome detail from you on consideration and research undertaken by the Royal Society of Pharmaceuticals into how packaging could prove the quality of storage (for example at the correct temperature) and the lack of interference with contents.

The Committee requests a response by 4 March 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 beneath the first letter of the first name.

Lewis Macdonald
Convener, Health and Sport Committee