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Dear Mike,

Thank you for your letter of 10 October on behalf of the Petitions Committee.

We are proud that NHS Wales employees have received the Living Wage Foundation's recommended rate since 1 January 2015. The lowest earning employed NHS staff saw an increase of up to 5% and more than 2,100 members of staff were positively affected by this change. The Living Wage Foundation's recommended rate is currently £8.25 per hour, notably higher than the "national living wage" of £7.20 per hour. The Welsh Government will continue to support the concept of a genuine living wage as a route to addressing some of the issues associated with low pay and income poverty.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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