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Dear Vaughan

The Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill

Thank you for your letter of 12 February 2019 providing a response to our report on the above Legislative Consent Memorandum.

We will be considering your letter at our meeting on 18 February 2019. It says that you are sharing with us a draft Memorandum of Understanding, which sets out how the Devolved Administrations will be involved in the development of future healthcare agreements. The draft Memorandum is integral to your responses to the recommendations we made in our report.

However, we have been asked not to publish this document. This makes it difficult for the Committee to formally respond on important constitutional matters in an open and transparent way, until such time as a final Memorandum is published. Given the time constraints regarding a debate on a legislative consent motion, this is extremely frustrating.

I would be grateful therefore if you could provide a detailed response as to why it is not possible for the Committee to publish the draft Memorandum. It would be helpful to receive your response in advance of our Committee meeting on 18 February 2019.



I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mick Antoniw

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

