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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 27 May 2020 and sharing with me the further comments the committee received from the petitioners and their personal stories referred to.

You have asked me to comment on a further three points. I believe the comments made by the petitioners about entitlements for families of locum and agency staff and non-British citizens refer to their eligibility for this scheme. I can confirm that the eligibility criteria drafted for the Death in Service Scheme I announced, have been drafted to be as inclusive as possible so locum, agency and non-British citizens working in the NHS will be able to put forward a claim.

In relation to your second point I am of the view that the Welsh Government should not specifically set aside a specific expense for funeral costs from the £60,000 as this should be for the discretion of bereaved families on how the money should be used.

Finally, I have agreed that the funding being made available from the UK Government will fund a death in service scheme for health and social care in Wales. Whilst it is not within my gift to consider how such a scheme can be extended or funded for other key workers in Wales you may wish to contact my fellow Ministers to seek their views.

Yours sincerely,

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