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*Dear William,*

Thank you for your letter of 14 August on behalf of the Petitions Committee, regarding Petition P-04-570 - Inequitable access to treatments that have not been nationally appraised in NHS Wales.

As you are aware, I announced a review of the IPFR process on 16 October last year. The review group produced a report which concluded the current IPFR process in Wales supports rational, evidence based decision making for those treatments which are not routinely available. They also made a number of recommendations aimed at strengthening the process. On 30 April 2014 I issued a Cabinet Written Statement regarding access to medicines, including the recent IPFR review, which can be accessed at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2014/?lang=en>

The Written Statement also announced we will have a new appraisal system specifically tailored to address those medicines that treat rare diseases; often referred to as orphan and ultra orphan medicines. I will be issuing a further statement on access to new medicines in September.

I hope this information is helpful and clarifies the current position.

*Best wishes,  
Mark.*

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