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Dear Andrew,

Following your Written Assembly Question (WAQ71953) on 2 February, I undertook to write to you and place a copy of my letter on the internet.

For ease of reference, I have reproduced your question below:

*Is the Cabinet Secretary willing to meet with clinicians and the Cystic Fibrosis Trust to discuss the guarantees that both parties have developed that safeguard the Welsh Government and the Welsh NHS from any liability related to the compassionate use programme?*

The Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) commissions services for the treatment of cystic fibrosis on behalf of the seven health boards in Wales. As such, this is a matter for discussion with WHSSC. WHSSC will also need to consider the wider ethical issues a compassionate use programme raises.

I have asked my officials to alert WHSSC that lead clinicians and the Trust wish to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely,

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