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Dear Joel,

Thank you for your written question on how the proposed mental health workforce plan by NHS Social Care Wales will bring in new professions and skill-sets, including speech and language therapy.

The Welsh Government has commissioned Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) and Social Care Wales (SCW) to develop a Mental Health workforce plan. The aim is to deliver a transformative workforce vision and plan for mental health services across health and social care. This is a commitment in Mental Health Delivery Plan for Wales which was refreshed in light of Covid in October 2020. We are monitoring progress on this commitment through the Mental Health National Partnership Board and it is also a specific work stream that reports to the Together for Mental Health Delivery and Oversight Board, which I chair.

In developing the Mental Health Workforce Plan, HEIW and Social Care Wales continue to engage with Allied Health Professionals and other stakeholders, including Speech and Language Therapists. This is to review the workforce currently supporting mental health services; and explore how it can be developed to deliver the quality care required to meet the mental health needs of our population.

Yours sincerely,

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