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Dear Matt,

Health and Sport Committee – Supply and Demand for Medicines

Thank you for giving evidence to the Health and Sport Committee as part of its inquiry into the supply and demand for medicines in Scotland. The Committee very much appreciated your time and the information which you provided.

The Committee had a couple of requests for further information.

The issue of time spent by pharmacists in procuring medicines arose both during the meeting and in your written submission. The Committee would welcome further detail on the proportion of time members spend sourcing medicines at the best price and whether this has to be done by a pharmacist, or whether a technician or other member of staff could undertake this role.

Outcomes and value based pricing was mentioned throughout the Committee's meeting and the Committee would welcome the Community Pharmacy Scotland perspective on whether this should be adopted, how it could be assessed and what would be the main challenges in doing so.

On behalf of the Committee, I request a response to this letter by 26 February 2020 and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lewis Macdonald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue underline for the first letter 'L'.

Lewis Macdonald
Convener, Health and Sport Committee