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To: Members of the Senedd

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Dear Colleagues,

### **Presgripsiwn Newydd – A New Prescription – One year on**

In April 2022, the Welsh Government, NHS Wales and Community Pharmacy Wales agreed a set of wide-ranging reforms to contractual arrangements for community pharmacies in Wales. These reforms, described in detail in [Presgripsiwn Newydd - A New Prescription \(gov.wales\)](#), retain the traditional values and fundamental strengths of community pharmacy, providing ready access to trusted healthcare professionals, when and where people need it, with a clinical service offer that meets individuals' and society's changing needs and expectations.

The agreement is a clear commitment to step-wise changes that ensures the long-term sustainability of the sector and contains a wide range of reforms under the following four themes:

- Expanding the clinical role of community pharmacists;
- A workforce with the skills needed to deliver outstanding pharmaceutical care;
- A commitment to quality, collaboration and integration within primary care; and
- Valuing the contribution community pharmacies make to the NHS.

There are notable benefits for patients and the public that could be realised by better utilising the accessibility of Wales' network of around 700 pharmacies and the skills and expertise of the pharmacy professionals who work in them.

The publication of [Presgripsiwn Newydd – A New Prescription – One year on](#), summarises the significant progress that has been made in the 12 months following those reforms to achieve the transformational ambitions.

Yours sincerely,

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