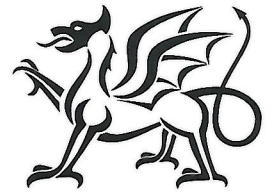


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Dear Mr Cope,

NHS Pay Review Body – Remit 2016-17

I am writing to confirm the Welsh Government's approach in respect of the NHS Pay Review Body's remit for 2016-17, and as such, request that the Review Body provides recommendations in respect of staff engaged on Agenda for Change terms and conditions.

Any recommendation should take into account the Chancellor's 2015 budget statement that public sector pay will increase by 1% a year for 4 years from 2016-17 and within the context of NHS Wales financial position, as set out in the written and oral evidence.

To this end, please note that the Welsh Government will be aiming to submit written evidence by 21st December, followed with oral evidence on 12th January 2016.

My officials will be happy to work with your secretariat to ensure you have all relevant supporting information is made available.

Copies of this letter have been sent to the Secretary of State for Health in England, the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport in Scotland and the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety in Northern Ireland. I am also copying this to the Secretary of State for Wales.

Yours sincerely,
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