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Dear David,

Thank you for your correspondence of 29 July to Wes Streeting on behalf of Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner pharmacies about support for community pharmacy. I apologise for the delay in replying.

I am grateful to these pharmacy teams for their hard work, professionalism and dedication in supporting patients in their communities, including delivering a wide range of NHS services. I appreciate the concerns that you share with your constituents about continued support for the sector.

The Government is committed to expanding the role of pharmacies and to better utilising the skills of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, including by cutting red tape. That includes making prescribing part of the services delivered by community pharmacists.

I am aware that the previous Government did not finalise the consultation with Community Pharmacy England about funding for the sector for 2024/25 and I am looking into this as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN KINNOCK