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David T C Davies MP
Member of Parliament for Monmouth

[Redacted s40(2)]

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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituent, [Redacted s40(2)] about the availability of medicines for ADHD.

As you will be aware, maintaining the supply of medicines to the UK is a reserved matter and is the responsibility of the UK Government. The NHS sometimes experiences temporary disruption to the supply of a medicine; when this occurs, we work closely with our counterparts in the UK Government, manufacturers, wholesalers, prescribers and pharmacies to minimise the impact of any disruption.

There are current supply disruptions affecting a number of ADHD medicines. We understand supplies of Elvanse® 30mg are back in stock at wholesalers and Elvanse® Adult 30mg is expected to be back in stock from 12 April.

Although the supply position of several other ADHD medicines is expected to improve over the coming months, the supply of Elvanse® capsules of all strengths are expected to remain intermittent until the second quarter of 2024. It may also take additional time for supplies to normalise at community pharmacies after this date and we are expecting local availability to be intermittent whilst prescriptions held back during the shortage are dispensed.

The Welsh Government issued a medicines shortage letter on 13 February to all GPs, health boards, independent and private services, and pharmacies instructing clinicians to contact patients who are affected by the shortage of Elvanse® capsules.

Shared care is an agreement between a GP and a specialist provider regarding a specific patient. Shared care agreements are made on a case-by-case basis and usually involve the prescribing of specialist medication. An agreement would involve a GP providing a prescription and monitoring a patient with appropriate blood tests or other observations such

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as blood pressure or weight. In return the specialist provider agrees to see the patient urgently or offer advice if there are any problems. The decision to accept a shared care agreement would be for the practice. The fact that in this case the specialist, private provider is based in England would not be a barrier to a shared care agreement being put in place.

Should your constituent continue to have difficulty in obtaining supplies of the medicine they need for their son, I would advise they discuss this with the clinician responsible for overseeing their care, which may include both the GP in Wales and the private provider in England.

Yours sincerely,

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