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Dear Nick,

Thank you for your email of 31 July on behalf of [Redacted s40(2)], and their concerns with access to medication for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

I was sorry to read about your constituent's concerns, however, as you know I am unable to comment on individual cases as these are matters which must be dealt with by the medical providers responsible for the patient's care.

People who request to be referred privately are expected to pay the full cost of any treatment they receive in relation to the care provided privately. It will be for your constituent's GP to consider what NHS treatment is appropriate, their GP may wish to refer your constituent to a specialist within NHS Wales to continue their treatment.

People across Wales are continuing to wait too long for an assessment for neurodevelopmental issues – the reasons for this are complex. However, the Welsh Government is committed to transforming neurodivergence services. The Neurodivergence Improvement Programme has been making progress since it was set up in 2022. My colleague Sarah Murphy, the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing confirmed [additional investment](#) of £13.7m in February to extend the programme to March 2027.

In 2025-26, the funding will be focused on reducing children's neurodevelopmental waiting times. We are setting an ambitious target to eliminate all three-year waits across Wales by March 2026.

We will also be reviewing current pathways into neurodevelopmental services to ensure equity and accessibility. This will include the provision of guidance on what information is required to make a 'good' referral and we are currently exploring other approaches and

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

innovative projects across the UK. Our aim for this work is a consistent, national approach avoiding postcode lottery and variance where possible.

If your constituent has any further concerns about their healthcare and treatment they may wish to raise these directly with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board through the *Putting Things Right* procedure. Further information can be found via this link: [Complaints & Concerns - Aneurin Bevan University Health Board](#)

They may also wish to know that a new national citizen voice body called Llais has been established. It offers a free, independent complaints advocacy service to support anyone wishing to make a complaint about health or social services. Contact information can be found here: [Gwent | Llais](#)

Yours sincerely,

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