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Dear Sam,

Thank you for your recent Written Question asking what assessment I have made of the impact the £5 million budget for international recruitment of healthcare professionals would have if it was instead used to train and recruit people in Wales.

I have maintained the same level of funding for training new healthcare professionals as 2023-24 - £283m - enabling Health Education and Improvement Wales to increase the number of training places compared to the number of places filled in 2023-24.

The £5m budget will support NHS Wales to accelerate and expand ethical international recruitment plans, leading to a reduction in the use of agency staff, delivering both an improved patient experience and reduction in agency spend.

Yours sincerely,

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