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We note with interest the conclusion of the discussions around the GP contract. It is encouraging that the direction of travel in Scotland is consistent – with recognition of the essential role of the wider healthcare team in the delivery of primary care in future.

GPs are crucial partners in the delivery of the health and social care vision, but their skills and expertise must be best utilized along with the skills and professional expertise of others – such as community pharmacists.

We will enter into discussions with partners and Scottish Government around the next steps to see how community pharmacy build on the new ways of working already happening including the Pharmacy First concept. We will also look to areas such as information sharing to understand how the community pharmacy network can be enabled to support patient care further.