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Dear James,

I would like to thank the Chemist and Druggist for their letter of welcome into my role as Parliamentary Under Secretary for Public Health and Primary Care.

It is a fascinating portfolio and I am delighted to have already met so many dedicated health professionals, committed to helping people live healthily for longer.

The Government's ambition to integrate community pharmacy better into the health service, as set out in the NHS Long Term Plan and the recent GP contract announcement is clearly in line with the vision the Chemist and Druggist has outlined.

We all recognise community pharmacy as a vital part of our health and care system, providing a wide range of services and support to people in their local communities. It is important that we build on and make the most of the expertise and accessibility of pharmacy teams at the heart of our communities.

As contractors will know, we are currently negotiating delivery of part of that wider vision through the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework.

We are committed to delivering an expanded role for community pharmacy and I hope to be able to announce more detail about how we will work with contractors to implement that later this year.

I look forward to meeting more of the pharmacy community in this role.

*Yours,
Seema*

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