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Dear Altaf,

Thank you for raising with the Trefnydd on 24 October the matter of cosmetic procedures including Botox and dermal fillers, particularly in relation to people under the age of 18. I too have seen the reports alleging that young people are coming to Wales for such procedures because they are banned in England. You asked whether we would bring forward similar regulations in Wales.

Work continues at pace to introduce our mandatory licensing scheme for the four special procedures specified in the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017: electrolysis; body piercing; tattooing including semi-permanent make-up; and acupuncture. Our aim is for the national licensing scheme to come into force in the summer of 2024.

The Act includes powers for additional procedures to be added where a procedure is being performed for aesthetic or non-medical therapeutic purposes and is deemed capable of causing harm to health.

Once the new licensing scheme is established and fully operational, we will consider a further consultation to look at whether there is sufficient evidence to add additional procedures where they fulfil the inclusion criteria. At this time, all issues that adversely impact the health of the client would be considered, this includes matters such as age restrictions, informed consent, and standards of infection control.

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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.

I plan to bring forward a Written Statement in the near future to describe the progress being made on the mandatory licensing scheme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

Eluned Morgan AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
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