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Dear Matt,

I very much hope that you and your team are keeping safe and well.

We welcome your announcement on Monday regarding the Government's life assurance scheme for frontline NHS staff in England. Unfortunately, community pharmacy has not been explicitly included in your Department's communications about this scheme. We would be very grateful if you can please kindly confirm that community pharmacists and their teams will be covered under the Government's life assurance scheme.

Community pharmacists and their staff are risking their lives every day to serve on the frontline alongside their colleagues across the NHS and social care, therefore it is only right and fair that they should also be entitled to the same death in service benefits. Nothing will ever compensate for the loss of a loved one, however bereaved families of community pharmacy staff who sadly pass away deserve to know that their Government acknowledge, value and appreciate the courage and dedication of their loved one as much as any other frontline worker in health and social care.

If as we expect, that you intended community pharmacy to be included in this scheme, then it would be extremely beneficial for the Government's communications to now reflect this. This will go a long way to support the valuable messages you have recorded recognising the tremendous efforts of pharmacy teams on the frontline as much as other colleagues.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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