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Thank you for your letter dated 14 July regarding Petition P-03-219 Pharmacies in Barry, requesting details of the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group to review the NHS Pharmaceutical Services Regulations.

The Task and Finish Group's report was published in September 2009 and recommended the Regulations be reviewed. Here is a weblink to the report: http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/home.cfm?orgid=498

The Pharmaceutical Services Strategic Delivery Group has established a sub-group with the task of looking specifically at the Regulations. The sub-group's initial findings were presented both to the principal stakeholders, and to my predecessor. The sub-group's initial findings indicated it was necessary to seek views of a wider group of interested parties through a consultation, which as you indicate is to begin in September.

This sub-group will report their recommendations to me once the consultation has been completed, and they have reviewed the responses.

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