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Dear Rebecca

Further information in relation to the Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report on rough sleeping in Wales

I am writing to request further details and/or clarification on a number of issues that were not covered during last week's Plenary debate on the Committee's report on rough sleeping in Wales.

Recommendations 1 and 2

1. When will the updated Code of Guidance for Local Authorities in the Allocation of Accommodation and Homelessness be published?
2. What are the timelines for developing and publishing best practice user guide for the application of section 68 interim accommodation duties?
3. What are the timelines for the independent assessment relating to changing the approach to priority need? In particular, when will the Welsh Government be in a position to make a final decision on changes to the current approach?



Recommendation 7

5. When will the best practice guidance on local connection be available?

Recommendation 10

The Welsh Government has rejected this recommendation on the basis that flexible payment options are already available to claimants in Wales. It would appear from the evidence we received during our inquiry that organisations directly involved in the delivery of homelessness services are not necessarily aware of these payment options.

6. We would like further details of these options, including details of the full range of options that are available, whether they are available to all claimants in Wales and how they can be accessed. In addition, we would like you to confirm whether you will commit to raise awareness of the availability of flexible payment options with the housing and homelessness sector and with third sector financial advice services as a matter of priority?

Recommendation 11

7. When will best practice on how vulnerable households are housed and supported to maintain their accommodation be rolled out?

Recommendation 12

8. What are the timelines for the assessment of how transitional funding allocated to local authorities has been utilised to improve access to the PRS for homeless people?

Recommendation 14

9. What are the timelines for reviewing current move on arrangements?



Recommendation 27

10. Will the findings of the Flexible Funding Pathfinders be available ahead of the next budget round?

The Committee is keen to follow-up implementation of its recommendations periodically and will be writing to you again before the end of the year requesting an update on progress.

I look forward to your response in due course.

Yours sincerely



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Chair

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

