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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1249  
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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 20 January to the Minister for Health and Social Services about Petition P-06-1249 which calls for the provision of a clinical pathway, medical care and specialists for people with Tourette's syndrome in Wales. I am responding as I have responsibility for neurodevelopmental services including Tourette's syndrome as Deputy Minister for Social Services.

We are working to improve assessment and support services for all neurodevelopmental conditions including Tourette's syndrome with the aim of building sustainable services for the future across all of Wales. Our approach will be informed by the results of the current demand and capacity review of all age neurodevelopmental services which is due to report at the end of March, this year

The outcomes from this review will provide us with the information we need to plan long term future service improvement. We have already been undertaking work to support this goal, including the publication of the Statutory Code of Practice on the Delivery of Autism services which came into effect last September. The Code has a dedicated section on the provision of assessment services. We are also expanding this to include other neurodevelopmental conditions such as ADHD and Tourette's syndrome.

I recently met with Ms Reeves-Graham and members of her parent support group to hear directly their experiences in trying to access services and support for their children. This meeting followed previous meetings which my officials have also had with Ms Reeves-Graham. My officials will continue to work together with the parent group as future neurodevelopmental policy develops.

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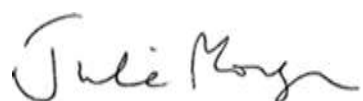
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Morgan'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

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