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Dear Jayne,

During the Children, Young People and Education Committee meeting which was held on 9 March 2023, I agreed to provide the Committee with feedback from young people who had received the basic income support.

The Basic Income Pilot scheme is still in its infancy and will be rigorously assessed by an independently appointed evaluation team, so it would not be appropriate to draw any conclusions about the pilot based on anecdotal evidence at this stage.

However, early feedback from care leavers does point to many ways in which the income is being used to enhance their lives, including investing in driving lessons and learning how to manage their money through saving.

Voices from Care Cymru have said that the young people they are working with who are on the scheme are being provided with opportunities to make positive life choices such as accessing private housing accommodation instead of waiting on social housing lists, being able to travel and learning to drive so they can pass their driving test. The scheme is empowering young care leavers to be able to make informed financial and independent decisions and enjoy experiences they may not have had before.

Committee members may also be interested in reading the latest edition of Thrive magazine which includes a feature about the Basic Income Pilot, an interview with the Minister for Social Justice and an interview with one of the young people who is currently receiving a Basic Income Payment. The magazine has been shared with foster networks and fostering households across Wales.

The magazine is available in [English](#) and [Welsh](#) here.

Yours sincerely

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