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Health and Social Care Committee

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Dear Chairs

Thank you for your letter. The proposed changes to Codes of Practice and regulations as part of the Rebalancing Care and Support Programme represent an opportunity to strengthen social care services in Wales. Many organisations, at national, regional, local and community level, have an important role to play here, and the timing of the evaluation of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 allows us to consider its findings alongside responses to the consultation documents.

Consistent with Rebalancing Care and Support, the Welsh Government is also working with Plaid Cymru, as part of the Co-operation agreement commitment for a National Care Service. Later this year we will publish an initial Implementation Plan. This will be broader in scope than Rebalancing Care and Support, and is a further opportunity to address the findings within the SSWBA evaluation reports.

My officials are considering the details of your letter, and I will provide a fuller response to those after the consultation closes. However, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for considering and highlighting the opportunities and challenges in addressing the findings of the evaluation.

Yours sincerely

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