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Dear Nic,

## Speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) in the youth justice system

Thank you for your letter of 29 October regarding the provision for speech, language and communication needs in the youth justice system.

As we outlined in our original letter of 14 October the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) highlighted their concern about the uncertainty regarding the future of Turnaround Programme funding beyond its scheduled end in March 2025. We appreciate that prior to the Budget you were unable to comment on the programme's continued funding and offered to share further details as soon as possible.

Following the Autumn Budget we would be grateful if you could now confirm the arrangements for the continued funding of the Turnaround Programme or a successor to that programme, including whether funding can be secured over a multi-annual timeframe.

We would appreciate a response by 11 December 2024.



With thanks and kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jenny Rathbone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'J'.

Jenny Rathbone MS

Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

