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Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services



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Christine Chapman AM  
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23 April 2013

Dear Christine,

In my response to the Children and Young People Committee Inquiry into Adoption submitted in January 2013, I agreed to keep you updated on progress with the development of the National Adoption Service.

The Adoption Expert Advisory Group, whose remit was to advise on the development of a National Adoption Service, meet for the final time on 9 April to discuss the functional model developed by ADSS Cymru and WLGA. The meeting was very positive and the Group endorsed the functional model. Local government in partnership with all key stakeholders will now take the necessary steps to deliver my vision for a National Adoption Service

I enclose the model for your attention, and if you feel it would be beneficial to meet to discuss progress and plans, I would be happy to arrange a mutually convenient date.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gwenda". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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