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Lear William.

Thank you for your letter of 14 July in which you have asked for an update on the work of the Post-16 Additional Learning Needs Funding Development and Implementation Group as it relates to Mencap's petition.

The Development and Implementation Group invited Mencap Cymru to their second meeting on 1 June, at which Mencap Cymru described their supported employment model making reference to individuals' employment experiences; highlighting the role of schools in preparing disabled young people for employment together with the challenges of securing meaningful work placements.

At the 1 June meeting, Mencap Cymru offered to submit a paper to the group on good practice in terms of work experience and employment. Dr Steve Beyer from the Welsh Centre for Learning Disabilities, who is working with Mencap Cymru on their supported employment model, has also been invited onto the Group.

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