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Thank you for your letter dated 12 December 2017 concerning the review of Extending Entitlement, and the level of spend on youth work provision from the standard spending assessments.

I can confirm that the future of youth work, including funding, was considered as part of the review of Extending Entitlement. Having recently received the report from this review it is important that I take some time to reflect on the findings before committing to a course of action. In the meantime I have asked the Youth Work Reference Group, which is made up of sector experts and representatives as well as Welsh Government officials, to consider the report, and advise on next steps. This will inform my decision on the way forward, and what further consultation should take place. I can assure you that future arrangements for youth work and funding for services will be part of any future public consultation that takes place.

I can also advise that a notional 1% (£21.9 million) of the total standard spending assessment is allocated to youth work. The decision on how to spend their budget lies with the local authorities in line with their identified priorities.

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