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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 23 March regarding funding specific support for male victims of domestic violence, and whether there have previously been opportunities for organisations to apply for funding.

The work to implement the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Act and the National Strategy has always been inclusive and conscious of the experience of men. This experience has been considered specifically as part of the National Training Framework implementation; in "Ask and Act" rollout and as part of forthcoming Communications work.

The Welsh Government funds projects in Wales providing support services for male victims including the Live Fear Free Helpline and Project Dyn.

The Welsh Government fully funds the Live Fear Free website and 24 hour helpline. This helpline is gender responsive and includes targeted information specifically for male victims. The Dyn project provides accessible support to all men who experience domestic abuse in Wales regardless of age; gender; race; religion or sexual orientation.

The regional approach for VAWDASV services will commence from April 2018 whereby local authorities' VAWDASV budget will be allocated to regions. This will enable increased consistency and effective multi-agency collaboration for VAWDASV services. Regional Boards have undertaken their needs analyses and local strategies will be published in May 2018 based on the findings.

To support this regional approach the draft guidance for the commissioning of VAWDASV Services in Wales will be published for formal consultation in April 2018. The aim of this guidance is to promote high quality collaborative commissioning that delivers more

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consistent and effective services to prevent VAWDASV. It aims to support commissioners ensure equal access to holistic, appropriately resourced, high quality, needs-led, and gender responsive services across Wales for victims of VAWDASV. This guidance applies to the commissioning of both specialist and non-specialist VAWDASV services, whether commissioned from the public, third or private sectors.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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