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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 30 October 2019 addressed to Jane Hutt Deputy Minister and Chief Whip regarding changing places toilets. I am responding as Building Regulations and planning policy fall within my portfolio.

Planning Policy Wales is supported by guidance which states that those seeking permission to build new and public commercial buildings are encouraged to include in their plans accessible 'Changing Places' toilet facilities in addition to standard accessible toilets.

Building Regulations already encourage, in certain buildings, the provision of an enlarged unisex toilet incorporating an adult changing table. My officials are however currently considering how this provision might be strengthened to increase provision of Changing Places Toilets (CPTs) in large public buildings.

The options being considered include:

- Improved guidance to Part M (Access to and use of buildings) of the Building Regulations;
- Enhanced provision of CPTs, secured through the planning process, where there is evidence of local need in the Local Authority's Toilet Strategy;

In addition we are considering the provision of CPTs in certain projects which receive funding from the Welsh Government.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Building Regulations only apply in certain circumstances where work is being carried out, any proposed change to Building Regulations may need to be complimented by other actions aimed at promoting provision of CPTs.

Once I have received their advice I will be in a position to consider what proposed changes to Building Regulation guidance could be made. Any changes will be subject to a public consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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

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Y Gweinidog Tai a Llywodraeth Leol

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