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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 6 December 2013 regarding the Petitions Committee consideration of Eating Disorder (ED) services for children and young people.

I would be pleased to provide you with an update on the impact of my recent announcement to invest £250,000 additional funding annually into Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. I have been clear that my intention is that this investment should not only improve ED services, but should also bring wider benefits for children and young people suffering the range of complex disorders which require specialist treatment.

Clearly services will not improve overnight, and it will take time to recruit the necessary specialist staff and provide the training to other staff to enable them to be competent in dealing with complex disorders such as ED. My officials are working with the Health Boards and Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee on the implementation plan at present. I will therefore provide you with a further update in early 2015 which should coincide with the first 12 months of the new service being operational.

Best wishes

Mark

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