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*Dear William,*

Thank you for your letter of 4 June seeking my views on Petition P-04-642 Save The Filter – a youth smoking and prevention service from ASH Wales Cymru.

Elen de Lacy, chief executive and Jamie Matthews, head of communications and public affairs from ASH Wales met with the Deputy Minister for Health on 30 April to present the evaluation of The Filter project. While the evaluation indicated the three strands of the project were feasible, flexible and adaptable to deliver, the evaluation was less clear on outcomes for young people who were involved in the project. For example, the evaluation could not determine how many young people were deterred from starting smoking as a result of participating in the project.

Prior to the petition being submitted to the National Assembly for Wales, the Welsh Government had not been formally approached to consider funding The Filter project.

Following the submission of the petition, ASH Wales wrote to the Deputy Minister requesting the Welsh Government consider funding The Filter. However, a funding proposal was not included with the letter.

In order to give proper consideration to the possibility of funding this project, a detailed proposal would need to be submitted to my officials. The proposal would need to include supporting evidence as well as outlining clear deliverable outcomes, which the project can achieve and which will benefit young people in Wales.

*Best wishes,*

*Mark*

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