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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter to the Minister for Health and Social Services, Eluned Morgan MS, regarding the Welsh Government's Loneliness and Social Isolation Fund. This has been passed to me for a response as responsibility for loneliness and isolation falls within my portfolio.

We know that loneliness and social isolation can affect anyone of any age and the Welsh Government remains committed to tackling these important issues through its loneliness and isolation strategy.

I was delighted to be able to launch the £1.5m Loneliness and Social Isolation Fund in September 2021 and throughout Wales we have seen numerous excellent examples of how the fund has been used to improve well-being and reduce loneliness and isolation.

We will shortly be considering the future of the Fund and its remit. As part of this we will also consider whether there is scope to increase the level of funding available, although due to the funding constraints currently being faced by the Welsh Government this might not be possible in the short term.

Yours sincerely,

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