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Ein cyf/Our ref WAQ79506

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Dear Janet,

I'm writing in response to WAQ79506 regarding the actions Welsh Government are taking to ensure that training on Liberty Protection Safeguards is available to the care sector in Wales.

I and my fellow Ministers remain committed to maintain support and protections for some of the most vulnerable people in our society. Securing an individual's rights is everyone's responsibility. It reaches into and crosses all sectors of our society.

The Welsh Government continues to work with UK Government departments on the Mental Capacity Amendment Act 2019 (the 2019 Act) which includes the Liberty Protection Safeguards. Throughout the passage of the 2019 Act, we have encouraged and facilitated engagement and communications with professionals across Wales to ensure they had the opportunity to influence the development of the 2019 Act.

Whilst the UK Government has yet to confirm the timetable to bring the 2019 Act into force, we have continued our engagement with stakeholders in Wales. We have established a Strategic Implementation Steering Group for Wales with senior health and social care stakeholders across Wales including practitioners, providers and regulators. The Group will have oversight of a workstream to develop and deliver cross-sector workforce development and training.

The UK Government is scheduled to consult on a Code of Practice for the Liberty Protection Safeguards and this will critically inform and shape the training needed to ensure that the arrangements for Liberty Protection Safeguards are effectively delivered in Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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