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Dear Suzy,

Thank you for your helpful intervention at the plenary debate on Tuesday 12 December and also for expressing your broad support for the Regulated Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2017.

I promised to respond to your question about the issuing of codes under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. I can confirm that a number of codes of practice have been issued under the 2014 Act. These include codes of practice about assessing the needs of individuals, meetings needs, looked after and accommodated children, and advocacy.

As you mentioned, section 27 of the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 includes a requirement to have regard to the quality standards included in any code issued under section 9 of the 2014 Act when exercising this regulation-making power. As stated in the Explanatory Memorandum to the regulations no such code has been issued. However, it is my intention to review the code of practice in relation to measuring social services performance published under section 145 of the 2014 Act with a view to publishing a new framework in April 2019. As part of this review I will consider the matter of the code under section 9 and how best to bring these two pieces of work together.

These regulations and the statutory guidance issued under section 29 of the 2016 Act will, of course, be kept under review and should it become necessary we will seek to amend them or update them as appropriate.

Thank you again for your support.

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