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Bethan Jenkins AM  
Assembly Member for South Wales West

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Dear Bethan,

I am writing to address the concerns you raised during Questions to the Leader of the House and Chief Whip on Wednesday 6 December about the status of the Action for Children pre-school project at Neath Port Talbot Hospital.

As you know, this project is currently funded by the Families First programme, and provides valuable early years support for families with children with additional learning needs. The contract for this service will be coming to an end on 31 March 2018 as all services provided through the programme in Neath Port Talbot are being re-commissioned in line with the revised Families First Programme Guidance, which was published in April of this year. All new services will commence from 1 April 2018.

It is my understanding Action for Children chose not to enter a bid to continue to deliver the service from 1 April next year but that similar provision will be available for parents. Parents accessing the playgroup will have received a letter from Action for Children advising them that the Families First Team in Neath Port Talbot will contact them directly in the new year to confirm the new services that will be offered and to clarify how they can access these, if they wish to do so. Teams will work closely with families, alongside Action for Children and the new service provider to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible for both the parent and the child.

Should you require further information, you may find it helpful to approach Allison Harris in the Families First team in Neath Port Talbot directly. She can be contacted at [a.t.harris@npt.gov.uk](mailto:a.t.harris@npt.gov.uk).

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Minister for Children and Social Care