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Dear Pete,

I am writing in response to your question during Oral Assembly Questions on 26 November regarding Care and Repair. As I said in the Chamber, Care and Repair could potentially benefit from the Intermediate Care Fund and work is ongoing to develop more detailed proposals. However, we are also committed to working together with Care and Repair agencies to maximise efficiencies to support the delivery of frontline services.

The Minister for Housing and Regeneration met Chris Jones, Chief Executive of Care and Repair Cymru on 21 October to discuss the budget announcement and to begin a constructive dialogue to manage reductions. At that meeting, the Minister outlined his continuing support for the Care and Repair movement and his appreciation for the services it delivers to vulnerable people. At the same time, he highlighted the need, and opportunity, to identify ways of driving efficiencies in the way that services are delivered, particularly in respect of greater collaboration and sharing of resources between individual Care and Repair Agencies.

Since the meeting, Housing and Regeneration officials have also attended the Care and Repair Agency Chief Officers network where increased collaboration and efficiency savings were discussed. We have a shared commitment with Care and Repair to work together to manage reductions in a way that minimises the impact on frontline services and the Minister for Housing and Regeneration reaffirmed this commitment during a further meeting with Chris Jones on 4 December. The Minister for Housing and Regeneration is due to meet Chris Jones again in January to continue this dialogue.

In terms of the funding provided by Local Authorities for Care and Repair, this is provided for specific local services that Care and Repair agencies provide and on occasion, can also include the provision of office space and administrative support. It is not match funding against the Welsh Government's funding allocation to individual

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Care and Repair agencies and to Care and Repair Cymru, which provides a co-ordinating function for all the agencies.

I hope this response is helpful.

Best wishes,
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