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Dear Peter,

I refer to your request during First Minister's Questions in Plenary on 28 June regarding Welsh Government Ministers meeting with representatives to discuss the Down Syndrome Act and the challenges facing people with Down's syndrome accessing services. I am responding in my capacity as Deputy Minister for Social Services with responsibility for learning disability policy.

As stated by the First Minister, we considered the potential extension of the Down Syndrome Act to Wales during its development but concluded that we were unable to support it as the Act's provisions were already covered by existing legislation.

I already meet regularly with groups and individuals representing the needs of people with Down's syndrome and learning disabilities including the Down's Syndrome Association and other third sector bodies, so I am familiar with the issues and challenges faced by people with Down's syndrome and their families. The Down's Syndrome Association are a key source of advice and guidance and are represented on the independent Learning Disability Ministerial Advisory Group. My officials also meet on a monthly basis with the Down's Syndrome Association and other third sector partners to discuss emerging issues and concerns.

You have not indicated who the Down's syndrome representatives you suggest we meet are but I would recommend they contact my officials in the first instance in order to discuss their concerns. Please contact Andrew.stevenson@gov.wales tel 0300 025 5936

Yours sincerely

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