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Dr D Lloyd, AM
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Dr Lloyd

**Assembly Question WAQ8215 –
Lottery Funding for Healthy Living Centres**

I have been asked to respond to your written question to the Minister for Health and Social Services on 27 November 2000, which asked:

“What was the take up in Wales of the funding available via the New Opportunities Fund for the creation of Healthy Living Centres?”

There is £19.5 million available in Wales under the healthy living centre programme. There is a two stage application process where applicants first provide an initial bid setting out their proposed project. If this meets the criteria for the programme then applicants are invited to submit a more detailed second stage application for consideration. The first stage process closes on 21st December 2000.

To date two applicants have been successful in Wales at the second stage:

St Mellons Healthy Living Centre, Cardiff	£1,322,365
Bridges of Monmouth	£ 273,339

At present the Fund has 12 applications under assessment at first stage and 19 applications at second stage in Wales. It is expected that a significant number of further applications will be received before the closing date for the first stage. The situation in Wales, in relation to the take up of funding, rates of application and progression to second stage compares favourably with that in other parts of the UK at this point in the programme.

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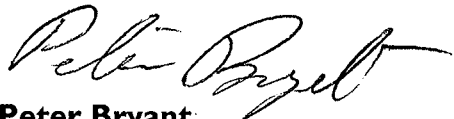
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The Fund has a Healthy Living Centre Committee for Wales that decides on first stage applications and advises on strategic aspects of the programme. The Committee will review the application situation in the New Year and consider the management of the next phase of the programme. The Fund has also engaged a consultant to assist applicants and advise assessors at the second stage.

The New Opportunities Fund is confident that the funds available in Wales will be fully allocated in accordance with the programme's targets by the end of the programme in 2002. Representatives of the Fund in Wales would be pleased to meet Assembly Members to discuss the programme in more detail if required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Bryant', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Bryant
Head of Office, Wales