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Dear Darren

I refer to Written Questions WQ82838 and WQ82839 which were tabled for answer on 14 July. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

- **WQ82838: Will the Welsh Government outline how much of the £8.4 million invested into the end-of-life care sector each year in Wales goes towards paediatric palliative care services?**

I can confirm that over £800k of the £8.4m end of life care funding is allocated specifically to support specialist palliative care services across Wales. In addition, a further £2.3m has been allocated to support Welsh children's hospices since the start of the pandemic.

- **WQ82839: Further to the written statement on 5 March 2021, will the Minister provide an update on the End-of-Life Care Board's stock take and the review into hospice funding?**

Reviewing hospice funding and strengthening our focus on end of life care are key Programme for Government commitments.

Work is underway to create a new national programme for palliative and end of life care as described within the National Clinical Framework. A working group with key representation from clinicians and adult and children's hospices has been established and terms of reference drafted. The working group held its inaugural meeting on 21 July.

The work to review hospice funding is also underway and the proposed methodology for the review was shared with hospices and other interested stakeholders at a workshop held earlier this month. It is anticipated that the review will take approximately 3-4 months and will be completed in the autumn.

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The findings from the stocktake were shared with the End of Life Care Board in April and I am advised that the final report will be published by September 2021. The stocktake, a comprehensive review of specialist palliative care services provides historical narrative of a decade of change in the Welsh end of life care infrastructure and looks back at what has been achieved as well as the challenges ahead to the decade 2030.

The recommendations of the stocktake, will form part of the work programme for the new national programme for end of life care.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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