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Dear Mark,

Thank you for your recent written question asking me what steps will the Welsh Government take to better support those living with long-term conditions given that the Cystic Fibrosis Trust's The Cost of Cystic Fibrosis report highlights that 69 percent of people with cystic fibrosis feel they have less money than those around them due to their condition.

The cost of cystic fibrosis 2022 report is a useful tool in highlighting people's actual experiences, however, it would have been helpful if the report had demonstrated exactly how those with cystic fibrosis are more vulnerable than other patients with long term illnesses.

The financial impact of the pandemic has been felt across Wales with those groups who are most vulnerable being impacted hardest. This makes it more important than ever that tackling poverty continues to be a priority for the Welsh Government.

Since November 2021, Welsh Government have provided more than £380m in additional funding to help Welsh households manage the current cost-of-living crisis and keep money in people's pockets.

Yours sincerely,

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