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Dear William,

I refer to First Minister's Questions on 14 July, where you stated your support for the work being taken forward by the Powys Health and Wellbeing Action Group and requested Welsh Government support via a secondment to develop the plans for a Bronllys Wellbeing Park.

My officials have had positive discussions with the Action Group to date and have explored the practicalities of firming up and delivering the proposals for the Bronllys site. It is essential that all key stakeholders play an active role in determining what is best required to meet local needs. Given the range of public services and developments that could be included, not only relating to health and wellbeing, but economic development, leisure, tourism and housing, it is essential that the proposal is led by Powys Teaching Health Board and Powys County Council so that there is alignment with wider delivery plans.

In terms of resourcing the initial scoping work, I would expect the two key delivery partners to liaise with stakeholders to agree next steps and to set out requirements. Welsh Government is unable to release or second a member of staff given existing pressures and priorities within the Health Department. However, my officials have already told the health board that once it has confirmed its requirements with the local authority, we are happy to consider the potential for further Welsh Government funding support. I would also be looking to partners and stakeholders to demonstrate their commitment to the development by offering the appropriate support at this stage.

As this was raised in First Minister's Questions, I am copying this to the First Minister.

Best wishes,

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Y Gweinidog lechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Minister for Health and Social Services