Dear Bethan,

I am writing in response to your request during plenary on 28 January 2020 to make an oral statement on eating disorder services.

In my statement published on 26th September 2019, I set out the actions that I expect from health boards. Since then my officials have been working with health boards to develop a better understanding of variation in services. This will help us determine where a national approach can best deliver equitable services across Wales, where a more bespoke approach is needed and where there is a need for additional funding to enable health boards to achieve the vision set out in the Review of Eating Disorder Services.

I am intending to make a statement to the Assembly in the springtime, at which point I will be able to update more fully on the outcomes of the initial 12 months of funding, as well as announce future additional funding for the improvement of services. This statement will also provide me with the opportunity to share more detail on the establishment of a central resource who will be tasked with driving this work from an All-Wales perspective.

Thank you for your continued engagement on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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