



Eich cyf/Your ref WQ90187

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Dear Mabon,

I write in response to WQ90187: How will residents in Rhondda benefit from the £8m for community care support announced on 13 December 2023?

Strengthening the capacity of health and social care services in all communities across Wales was a priority for winter 2023-24.

The funding was used to increase community health and social care capacity so more people could be cared for at home; to avoid admission to hospital or where hospital admission was necessary, to ensure they were able to return home quickly. It supported additional an increase in the hours of community nurses and end-of-life care clinical nurse specialists in the evenings and on weekends.

We have separately invested £5m from 2023-24 to create additional community allied health professionals (AHPs). This funding should be aligned to ensure a well-integrated, multi professional service response in the community.

The funding was also intended to support proactive assessment and care planning for people living with frailty or other complex needs to improve their wellbeing and independence at home, particularly during illness or following an injury. The care provided is tailored to each person's specific needs and could include community nursing, reablement, rehabilitation led by AHPs, mental health support or a combination of these and other services.

In addition to the £8.24m, in the last year nearly £145m has been invested through our Regional Integration Fund, on projects delivered by health and social care partners to provide community services. Health boards, local authorities and wider partners are jointly responsible through the pan-cluster planning groups for determining how they use this funding.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dawn Bowden'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping underline.

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