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Dear Darren Millar MS,

Thank you for your Written Senedd Question (ref WQ97668) in relation to the work underway to address the barriers to social housing faced by veterans in Wales as a result of local connection criteria.

In Wales, anyone, including veterans and armed service personnel, can qualify for an allocation of social housing in any local authority to which they apply, regardless of whether they have a local connection, provided they are not disqualified or ineligible for other reasons. In December 2024, the UK Government introduced legislation which brought the approach in England in line with the position already in place in Wales.

Further to this existing entitlement to apply for social housing in Wales, my officials are also considering additional mechanisms to ensure veterans are not deprioritised for social housing in a local authority where they have no local connection.

Yours sincerely,

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