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Dear Mr Andrew R T Davies AM

You recently tabled a Written Assembly Question regarding what new steps the Assembly Government has taken to develop not-for-profit nursing homes as proposed in the One Wales Agenda. The Minister for Health and Social Services has passed the question to me for response as this One Wales commitment falls within my portfolio.

We have been considering a range of options to identify the best approach to meet this commitment and are developing a 'Resource Centre Model' in partnership with local authorities and Local Health Boards.

The purpose is to remodel and co-locate services in a single facility. This could involve the development of a range of services on one site including nursing home beds, day care, extra care housing, information centre, office base for community services, GP premises, etc. The nursing home provision itself could fulfil a number of functions including long term beds, transition beds offering rehabilitation, respite beds, or GP beds. The range of services will depend upon local need.

I am convinced that this offers a more flexible way of responding to local needs and should prove an exciting service development particularly in rural communities.

Yours sincerely,

**Jocelyn Davies AM**