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Dear Angela,

I am writing following your question to the Finance Minister and Trefnydd on 8 January in Plenary about the Welsh Government Draft Budget's impact on Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire. In particular, your request for further information around funding for improvements in the primary care estate and GP access to funding.

Welsh Government provides funding to NHS Wales to maintain and improve the estate in its ownership. Approximately £7.4m is allocated to Hywel Dda University Health Board each year which is ring-fenced for this purpose, which is supplemented by additional funding for large scale individual schemes when prioritised and submitted by the Health Board.

I am committed to providing a new generation of integrated health and care centres and I have earmarked £68m to develop 19 new centres across Wales. Last year schemes in both Fishguard and Aberaeron received £3m funding. The Outline Business Case for the Cross Hands Health and Wellbeing Centre is presently progressing through scrutiny with a significant investment identified to deliver this project.

You mention funding has previously been provided by Welsh Government for improvement grants to GP owned premises. I can confirm that this has continued over recent years, and that £6.4m has been provided across Wales specifically for these works with c.£1m identified for projects in the Hywel Dda region. The intention is for this funding to continue and NHS bodies are required to develop annual priorities for investment in conjunction with a number of key stakeholders, including GPs.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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