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Dear Leanne,

In Plenary on 14 January you raised the issue of funding for Mencap Cymru's learning disability helpline with the Finance Minister. I have been asked to reply.

We are committed to improving the lives of all disabled people in Wales and through our Learning Disability Improving Lives Programme we are building on good practice to support people with a learning disability to reach their full potential.

Mencap Cymru applied for grant for its helpline under the Sustainable Social Services Third Sector Grant (SSSTSG) 2020-23. This scheme was heavily oversubscribed with £87m of bids received for 118 projects against an initial three year budget of £21m. The Mencap application met all the essential criteria, however, it did not score as highly as other applications and therefore was not successful.

However I am pleased to advise that following discussions with Mencap Cymru about continuing the helpline, we have made an offer of funding outside the SSSTSG.

Yours sincerely,

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