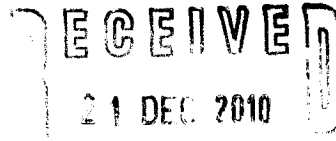


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Helen

Following your question on 1 December I agreed to write to you in detail regarding the work that has been undertaken to secure BBC Children in Need funding for children in refuge.

Officials have been meeting with BBC Children in Need since the Communities and Culture meeting in 2008. Five meetings have taken place since then and agreement has been reached on what constitutes a core service for children in refuge. It has also been agreed that the Welsh Assembly Government core funding would not be able to fund all children's service provision required in refuge, funding from other sources would be required to make up any shortfall or to fund innovative programmes.

Welsh Assembly Government funding from Supporting People and Domestic Abuse revenue budgets amounts to over £2 million. I am pleased to say that this budget has not reduced and will continue to fund services for children.

BBC Children in Need currently fund 17 services relating to Domestic Abuse with 13 of them providing core funding for a dedicated worker for children and young people. BBC Children in Need have agreed to continue funding until July 2011 and will continue to assess applications when they are received.

This is a very positive position following the threat of removal of BBC Children in Need funding in 2008. I will keep you informed of the ongoing progress being made to consolidate this funding for the future.

Best wishes

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