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Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 3 October calling on the Welsh Government to establish a new Wellbeing Centre for Wales. We are already supporting work on wellbeing.

Together for Mental Health sets out the Welsh Government's joined-up, 10-year strategic approach to improving the lives of those with mental health problems, and, where possible, preventing such problems developing in the first place by improving the mental wellbeing of the population.

The All Wales Mental Health Promotion Network, managed by Public Health Wales, provides strong leadership and a focus for mental health promotion and wellbeing in Wales. It increases public and professional understanding of public mental health, develops evidence and learning exchanges, and acts as a conduit for the dissemination of promising practices in public mental health wellbeing.

To guide and develop the network an Advisory Board, chaired by Professor Sir Mansel Aylward, meets on a quarterly basis and comprises experts in the field of mental health and representatives from mental health promotion and wellbeing. The Board is currently reviewing its terms of reference and membership to ensure that it is 'fit for purpose' in relation to its role in the delivery of aspects of Together for Mental Health, which includes a commitment to build skills to support policy development and practical action for promoting mental wellbeing.

I have asked Public Health Wales to liaise with Dafydd Thomas, Executive Director of Lles Cymru, to determine how the work on wellbeing can best be taken forward.

*Best wishes
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