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Dear Bill,

Thank you for your letter of 24 November, regarding the petition on the Supporting People Programme from Lisa Pritchard.

I greatly appreciate the important contribution the Supporting People Programme makes to help some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. Lisa's petition illustrates the experience of many people who access housing support services.

Supporting People Programme funding for 2016-17 is being carefully considered against all competing priorities. Until final Welsh Government budgets are agreed, no guarantee can be given to any funding stream.

Over recent years we have protected the Supporting People Programme, as far as possible, in the face of the successive cuts to the Welsh Government budget. We have also maintained the ring fence unlike England and Scotland. This, I believe shows our commitment to supporting vulnerable people.

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