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Dear Mike,

Thank you for your letter seeking my views on the petition raised by the Alzheimer's Society regarding 45,000 reasons Wales needs a dementia strategy. I am pleased to say that the Welsh Government supports this view.

The Welsh Government is committed to making Wales a dementia-friendly nation. Our new three-year *Together for Mental Health Delivery Plan* includes a commitment that, by December 2016, we will introduce a strategic plan for dementia for the period 2017-19. The plan will set out all of the actions, with associated outcome measures, to be delivered by the Welsh Government and external partners to support those affected by dementia in Wales.

A task and finish group will be established to develop this strategy, with the first meeting due to take place next month. Alzheimer's Society Cymru are among the key stakeholders who have been invited to join the group and will have the opportunity to ensure the issues referred to in the petition, on behalf of the signatories, are considered as the task and finish group develops the strategic plan. Signatories of the petition will also have the opportunity to provide their views on the strategy when it is opened for consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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