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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 23 July regarding the Petitions Committee - P-05-798 Male domestic violence victim support services to be independently run and funded.

A task and finish group of key stakeholders was set up to develop the commissioning guidance. Stakeholders on the group included Survivors Trust, which represents both male and female survivors of rape and sexual violence; and the umbrella organisation, Women's Aid. Women's Aid includes amongst its members Project Dyn, which supports male victims of domestic abuse. All members of the Task and Finish Group were encouraged to respond to the consultation on the commissioning guidance and Welsh Women's Aid actively encouraged all its members to respond, either collectively through Welsh Women's Aid or individually.

The consultation was also published online to encourage a wider response. My officials directly invited the male advocacy organisation, Families Need Fathers, to respond to this and another consultation on survivor engagement and this invitation was taken up.

The consultation, which ended on 22 June 2018, sought views for opportunities to improve arrangements for the prevention of violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence (VAWDASV); protection of victims of VAWDAV; and support for victims of VAWDASV. My Officials are currently analysing the responses, and will publish this analysis, which will inform a revision of the Regional Commissioning Guidance.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I remain committed to supporting all victims of domestic abuse, regardless of their gender or sexuality as set out in the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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