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Dear Bill

Thank you for your email of 8 February on behalf of Rebecca Lowrie regarding sexual health services in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Our Sexual Health and Well-being Action Plan for Wales 2010-2015 renews our commitment to improve the sexual health and wellbeing of the population, to narrow sexual health inequalities and to develop a society that supports open discussion about relationships, sex, and sexuality. This Action Plan adopts a broad based and integrated approach covering both the promotion of positive sexual health and wellbeing and the delivery of sexual health services

At a local level, Health Boards in Wales are responsible for providing sexual health services. They have local knowledge in providing services for their respective areas working with social services and the voluntary sector. All NHS services are provided as locally as possible, as long as it is safe and effective to do so. Cardiff and Vale University Health Board have a budget allocation of over £763 million for the current financial year and they are tasked with planning and prioritising the delivery of services in accordance with local needs.

In addition to the Local Health Board funding, the Welsh Government funds Public Health Wales to deliver programmes of work to improve sexual health and wellbeing in Wales. The funding for this financial year amounts to £150,000 to address key actions within the Welsh Government's Sexual Health and Wellbeing Action Plan 2010-2015, such as the reduction in teenage conceptions through the Empower to Choose project.

I note Ms Lowrie has written to Cardiff and Vale University Health Board requesting an update on services in Llantwit Major, which is the correct course of action as they are best placed to provide this information.

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