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Cymdeithasol
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services



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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 7 December about the funding for the Integrated Autism Service (IAS) and whether opportunities were given to third sector organisations to apply.

The £13 million funding made available to support the development and roll-out of the national IAS is being allocated to Regional Partnership Boards through the Integrated Care Fund. This fund supports health boards and their partners in local authorities, housing and the voluntary and independent sectors to work together to develop initiatives in priority areas including; frail and older people, people with a learning disability, children with complex needs due to disability or illness, carers including young carers and people with autism.

To date the service is up and running in Cardiff and the Vale, Gwent and Powys and will be rolled-out across Wales in 2018. I am pleased to advise that all regions will receive funding for the service up to March 2021, the end of this Assembly term.

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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.

This innovative integrated service will be all age and will bring together health, social care, education and other services, including those provided by the third sector. The service will support a team of specialists including psychology, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and support workers from across health and social care. The IAS is designed to enhance and not replace current provision and we expect regions to continue to work in partnership with existing services in their area including third sector providers.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V'.

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