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Dear Rhys,

You recently talbed the following written question reference WQ 91760.

What progress has been made in eliminating profit from the social services sector?

The Welsh Government's Programme for Government contains a number of key commitments relating to a new vision for Children's Social Care. At its heart, we want to see more children and young people enabled to live with their families, and in their home neighbourhoods, with fewer needing to enter the care system.

For those young people looked after by their local authority, we want to establish a system-wide approach so they remain close to home, can continue to be part of their community and for any stay in care to be as short as possible; consistent with meeting their needs and supporting better outcomes.

As part of the Co-operation Agreement between the Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru, there is a clear commitment to 'eliminate private profit from the care of children looked after.' The aim is to ensure that public money invested in the care of children looked after – starting with care home services for children and fostering services – does not profit individuals or corporate entities, but instead is spent on children's services, to deliver better experiences and outcomes for young people; support service development and improvement; and further build professional development for those providing care.

We are not promoting a like-for-like replacement of for-profit providers, but rebalancing the shape and scale of provision as part of our wider vision for children's services to make it needs-based, integrated, local and affordable.

Delivery of our commitment will be underpinned by provisions in the forthcoming Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill which will be introduced into the Senedd this year. Alongside this

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we have established a robust programme of work with partners across the sector to deliver the changes in a way that minimises disruption, mitigates risks and safeguards the welfare and wellbeing of those in care. We have also provided funding of £68m over three years (2022-2025) to help local authorities build in-house capacity for not-for-profit residential and foster care provision.

I hope this information is helpful,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie', written in a cursive style.

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