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Dear Dai,

Further to our exchange at Assembly Questions on 17 January, I agreed to review the provision of mental health services through the medium of Welsh, including electronic packages available.

We are committed to delivering high-quality health and care services centred on individual needs and providing services in Welsh is a key part of that commitment. Our *More than just words* framework sets out actions to improve Welsh language services in health and social services and recognises that for many Welsh speakers the use of their own language is a core component of care. We continue to monitor progress on the actions set out in the framework and will also be commissioning an independent evaluation to aid progress and the sharing of lessons learnt.

Welsh Language Standards for the health sector recently passed by the National Assembly will support a further drive in improvement including requiring health boards to better plan how they offer more services and support the workforce, including mental health teams to deliver more through the medium of Welsh, especially for vulnerable patients.

We continue to support Health Boards to improve access to Welsh language diagnostics tools and care. This has recently included funding the provision of computerised cognitive behavioural therapy (cCBT) to be rolled out on an all Wales basis. This programme, which is being led by Powys Teaching Health Board, is a fully bi-lingual online service and can be offered to citizens as a Tier 0 service. We are working with Powys to identify referral points across a range of sectors and have enough licence capacity to offer the service, nationally, for the next three years. At the moment this service is available to over 16s only, however officials are working with the service on an offer for the under 16 population.

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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 hope that you find my reply helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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