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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 21 February, in which you ask for an update on the review of the 2010 National Framework for Continuing NHS Healthcare.

We are reviewing the National Framework and it is currently out for public consultation until 13 March 2014 through the below link. The proposed changes to the Framework take account of the views of a wide range of stakeholders including service users, their families and carers, as well as Local Health Board leads.

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/continuing/?lang=en>

One of the proposals being tested as part of the public consultation exercise is to adopt the same Decision Support Tool as that used in England. The potential impact of the proposed change on people with dementia in particular, is being tested in three Local Health Boards during the consultation period. The revised Framework also places greater emphasis on rounded and comprehensive assessment, undertaken with the service user and their carers.

My officials are continuing to engage with stakeholders throughout the consultation process and there have been a number of regional events held to discuss the proposed changes, as well as discussions with individuals. Once the consultation period closes, we will consider the feedback and develop the final version of the Framework which will be published this summer. It will be supported by an Implementation Plan and Performance Framework to monitor the effectiveness of those new arrangements.

*Best wishes
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