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Dear Christine

Following our appearance at the Children and Young People Committee on the 19 October, we agreed to provide further information on two issues.

### **Total Expenditure on the Provision of Wheelchairs for Children**

Wheelchair services for children are commissioned by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee on behalf of all Health Boards. The total funding for adult and children's wheelchair services in 2011-12 is £14.2 million, including the additional investment announced by the previous Minister. The adult and children's services are funded together as one total service and the costs of services for children are not separately reported.

### **Children and Family Services**

In August 2011, the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services approved a proposal to consolidate the two Children and Family Organisation Grant (CFOG) programmes that are delivered in the Welsh Government. The rationale for this proposal was that as a result of the changes in ministerial portfolio, following the May 2011 election, both strands of the programme came under the remit of the Department for Health, Social Services and Children and therefore would ensure better support to the Deputy Minister's new portfolio and extended priorities. The bringing together of the two programmes also provided an opportunity to focus the grant programme on key outcomes for children, young people and families that reflect more current priorities.

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On 1 September 2011, the Deputy Minister launched the application process for the CFOG funding round of 2012-14. This exercise finished on 31 October 2011 with officials starting to evaluate each application. The final amount awarded to third sector organisations will be dependant on the results of this assessment. Details of the successful applicants and their allocations are due to be finalised in early December 2011 with the organisations being notified by the end of December.

Kind Regards  
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Yours ever,  
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