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Dear Christine,

Following the Deputy Minister's attendance at the Children and Young People Committee on 26 January 2012, it was agreed that I would write in response to an issue raised by Aled Roberts AM about the potential impact of Flying Start on the numbers of generic health visitors in Wales based on evidence he had following the previous expansion to the scheme.

I can report that the number of health visitors employed by NHS organisations has increased from 583 in 2006, the year that Flying Start commenced, to 745 in 2010. The number of health visitors employed by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (and former NHS Trusts), which covers the Wrexham area, increased from 97.9 in 2006 to 144 in 2010.

A recruitment drive is already underway in Higher Education Institutes and detailed workforce planning has been undertaken to ensure we achieve the number of health visitors that the expanded Flying Start programme will require.

I should add that I have not had sight of the 'evidence' to which Aled Roberts AM referred during Committee. I would of course be happy to consider it should he wish to share it.

Kind regards
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