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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 28 November 2011, regarding the petition to retain the services of Sporttrain in Rhondda and Cardiff.

Sporttrain delivered Skill Build provision to young people via a direct contract with the Welsh Government for Work Based Learning (WBL). The provision offered learning opportunities for young people through sporting activities.

WBL provision for the contract year 2011/12 was subject to competitive tender. Further, the Skill Build provision was superseded by Traineeships from 1 August 2011. A successful tenderer would need to evidence that it offered a full range of vocational activities to facilitate delivery of the Traineeships programme.

Sporttrain unsuccessfully tendered and did not secure a programme commission to deliver Traineeships in the Cardiff and Rhondda Cynon Taff local authority areas. It has been apparent that some young people and some Careers Advisors are disappointed at the loss of Sporttrain in these areas. However, I am confident that commissioned providers will deliver the new Traineeships programme successfully.

Best wishes

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