

Huw Irranca-Davies AM
Minister for Children, Older People and Social Care

30 May 2018

Dear Huw

I have received correspondence about the decision to close the Welsh Independent Living Grant. This correspondence from Julie Morgan AM highlights concerns that the transfer of funding to local authorities and the removal of the ring-fencing for this funding will have a detrimental impact on disabled people. While our Committee does not currently have capacity to look at this issue in more detail, it is one which we have an interest as both an equality and a local government issue.

I welcome your statement from 23 May providing an update on the transitional arrangements. I would like to seek some further details following this statement. The statement says that 75% of claimants have either completed the review of their future support, or are in the process of doing so, can you clarify whether the support packages that have been agreed provide the same level of support that was funded by the Grant? Have there been any cases where agreement cannot be reached, and if so, what arrangements are in place to facilitate an agreement being reached? Could you also clarify exactly how many people still have outstanding packages to be agreed?



I am copying this letter to Julie Morgan AM, who bought this issue to my attention.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John". The letters are cursive and connected.

John Griffiths AM
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

Cc Julie Morgan AM

