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Dear Dai,

I am writing to inform you of the new 'Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Programme for Care Homes' which will commence on 1 October 2018.

This national quality improvement programme is being developed by the Public Health Wales 1000 lives improvement service. It aims to build on and improve supportive care home environments and learn from good practice to improve the overall quality of care for older people in care homes in Wales over a three year period.

Understanding the context and nature of the care homes system is imperative in order to spread quality improvement and behaviour change. The programme will build a mechanism for distributed learning among participants and organisations, through organic learning and peer networks. The quality and reach of engagement will be sufficient for organisations to feel valued and listened to, and for different sectors of the organisation, including frontline staff, residents and families, to understand each other's contribution to achieving outcomes.

The programme will both complement and enhance existing care home initiatives, support delivery of the Welsh Government's dementia action plan and assist with implementation of a number of the recommendations of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's Inquiry into the use of anti-psychotic medication in care homes.

Yours sincerely,

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