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Dear [REDACTED]

RESETTLEMENT FROM LLYS MALDWYN

Thank you for your letter of 24 July expressing your concern that Powys Social Services Department has not received confirmation from us that bridging finance will be provided in 1998-99 to facilitate resettlement from Llys Maldwyn Hospital.

As you will be aware, Powys Social Services Department have made bids to this office for over £2 million for 1998-99 for a number of elements associated with resettlement which includes the bridging finance for Llys Maldwyn. The agreed 1995 Powys plan was based on the expectation that the Welsh Office would contribute grant resources to meet bridging requirements and we have in previous years and for 1998-99 committed resources (£0.32 million) for this purpose. In addition, we have in previous years been in a position to provide to Powys SSD with additional resources, beyond those identified as necessary in the 1995 plan. For 1996-97 and 1997-98 these additional resources amounted to well over £1 million but we have never indicated that we would be in a position to provide additional resources (beyond those agreed in the 1995 plan) in future years.

Resettlement programmes from other hospitals continue to progress and the demands on our 1998-99 resettlement budgets are severe. Nonetheless, in recognition of the Llys Maldwyn position we have already agreed to provide in 1998-99 a further £200,000 to Powys SSD to progress the resettlement of H50 in advance of reaching a decision on the totality of Powys' £2 million bid. As you will appreciate, Powys SSD's bid for £2 million in additional resources in 1998-99 must be considered alongside our other ongoing commitments and the bids for additional resources from other authorities. We are presently considering the overall position on the resettlement plans for all locations in

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Wales so that we can confirm the forward planning assumptions for the health and local authorities concerned. This process should be completed in the near future.

I am copying this letter to [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Head of Social Services Policy Division