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Dear [REDACTED]

1998-99 RESETTLEMENT ALLOCATIONS

Thank you for your letters of 28th April and 7th May.

As you will be aware, the agreed 1995 Powys Plan required this Department to contribute grant resources to meet bridging requirements. Subsequently we agreed to include an additional element to progress the closure of Llys Maldwyn. In full compliance with these agreements we have committed £323,000 in resettlement grant assistance in 1998-99 for Powys.

In previous years we have been in a position to grant additional resources to Powys to fund housing costs, managing agents fees, day and employment services and revenue bridging costs. For 1996-1997 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. It is not possible to give an early indication as to whether we can meet the demands for substantial additional resources for Powys without fuller justification to support the bids. We would then need to consider the request against the competing bids from other authorities.

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So that we can consider your request for additional funding for 1998-99, I should be grateful if you could let me have the following additional information:

1. Bronllys Hospital

Set-up costs - a breakdown of the capital and revenue costs concerned.

2. Llys Maldwyn Hospital

a) Housing - advice on why the costs for Scheme H50 have increased, [redacted] letter of 17th July 1997 refers. Also could you confirm that £200,000 is the total amount being sought from the Welsh Office for housing this financial year.

b) Set-up costs - is this figure based on an average cost per person

c) Day Service Bases - details of the specific projects proposed and their build programme should be provided.

d) Day/Employment Services - again we need details of how the money requested is to be utilised together with an analysis of need and fuller information as to why existing services are inadequate.

Finally, in 1997-98 we allocated one-off funding of £450,000 for the provision of housing and day services to facilitate resettlement and I should be pleased to learn how these additional resources were utilised.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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