



Ministry  
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*Dear Councillor Webster*

#### **GRANT FUNDING TO THE SECURE ESTATE IN WALES**

Thank you for your letter of 4 September regarding grant funding to the secure estate.

I note that the scrutiny committee highlights concern about the Welsh Government decision to allocate funding for social care in prisons across all 22 local authorities in Wales. Social care policy is devolved in Wales and is therefore a matter for the Welsh Government. However, my officials have received assurances from Welsh Government colleagues that these funding allocation decisions were informed by, and taken in partnership with, local government, and the rights and entitlements of offenders under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act remain unchanged.

Ensuring that our prisoners receive the level of support they require is a priority for us. We continue to work closely with Welsh Government and all partners in Wales in order to ensure the most effective support possible.

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**RORY STEWART MP**