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Dear First Minister,

Request for an Urgent Meeting

Members of the Developing a Caring Wales Alliance, the Wales Alliance for Mental Health, and Cymorth Cymru, representing a significant number of charities supporting Wales' health, social care and support sector, have come together to seek an urgent meeting with you. We are gravely concerned that the recently announced major rise in employer NI contributions will have a devastating impact on the stability of health, social care and support charity providers in Wales.

The health, social care and support services delivered by the third sector in Wales are integral to the NHS and local government offer, playing a huge role in the prevention agenda and enabling public services to discharge their statutory duties. Our staff provide a colossal component of health, social care and support services in Wales, and whilst we welcome the suggestion that the NHS and local government will be exempt from paying this additional NI cost, without our teams, the already stretched NHS and local authority services would quickly become overwhelmed.

We appreciate that this is a UK Treasury decision, and ideally, the UK Treasury would provide an exemption for the third sector, rather than seeking ad hoc arrangements with a multitude of funding bodies, which would be a poor use of time and resources for all. However, in the absence of this, we would welcome a Welsh Government commitment that all health, social care and support services commissioned by the Welsh NHS, local government and regional bodies such as RPBs and APBs will receive funding uplifts which reflect the increased NI costs.

We are available to fit in with your schedule and would very much welcome a chance to share these concerns with you and to seek your support and advice on how we may continue to support the NHS and local government in Wales.

Yours sincerely,

DACW, WAMH, Cymorth Cymru

cc. Jeremy Miles, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
Jane Bryant, Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government
Emma Williams, Director of Housing and Regeneration
Albert Heaney, Chief Social Care Officer for Wales
Matt Downton, Deputy Director for Mental Health, Substance Misuse and Vulnerable Groups

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Recovery Cymru

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Mental Health Matters Wales

Mind Cymru

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Nacro

New Pathways

Newydd Housing Association



North Wales Housing Association
Pembrokeshire Care Society
Perthyn
Plattform
Pobl Group
RCT Domestic Abuse Services
RHA Wales Group Ltd
Sanctuary Trust
Shelter Cymru
Stori (formerly Hafan Cymru)
Swansea Women's Aid
Taff Housing Association
Tai Calon Community Housing Ltd
The Care Society (Cymdeithas Gofal)
The Salvation Army
The Wallich
Thrive WA
Trivallis
United Welsh
Vale Domestic Abuse Services
V2C Housing Association
Wales & West Housing Association
Welsh Refugee Council
Welsh Women's Aid
YMCA Cardiff & Newport Group