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Dear Johanne

Re: LINK Report – The Way Ahead – An Investigation by LINK Members into the Experiences of Transition from Children to Adult Services in North Tyneside

Thank you for your letter dated 3 February 2011 requesting further information to my response in December 2010 in relation to communication to parents of children in transition.

The main opportunity we have planned is in relation to the new Children's Integrated Disability Service, which is due to be launched in May 2011. Within this service area will be an Ask DAN (Disability and Additional Needs) Service and this comprises the Family Information Service and a number of other service areas including the existing Transitions Service. The Ask DAN service will have a specific role in providing children and young people, their families / carers and other stakeholders with information and advice on the Transition Service, transition planning, services, how to access them and other opportunities going forward.

The LINK Board may also wish to consider inviting Ian Walton, Transitions Officer from North Tyneside Council to a future meeting to give the Board more information about this new development and how it will interface with children, families and other stakeholders across North Tyneside.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

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