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Your ref:  
Our ref:  
17 March 2011

Dear Colleague

### **CHANGE FUND FOR OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES – RELEASE OF FUNDING**

Thank you for submitting your partnership plan for the Change Fund for older people's services.

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministerial Strategic Group for Health and Community Care has now considered all 32 plans, and has endorsed release of the Fund to partnerships, subject to the plans being formally approved by your local partnership arrangements. The MSG was pleased with the quality of plans submitted, and commended in particular efforts made across partnerships to engage partners across sectors in the short timescales available. It will be important that this groundwork – in terms of planning across health, social care, housing, and the third and independent sectors – is sustained and built upon as the plans are delivered and governance arrangements are put in place locally.

We will be writing to your Health Board Director of Finance in the next few days to confirm the allocation to your partnership, which is as per Annex A of the [Change Fund Guidance](#). The Joint Improvement Team will also write to your partnership in the next few days to offer individual feedback on your plan.

I look forward to working with you as we take forward this important and innovative programme.



**Graeme Dickson**  
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