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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 February 2024 10:22
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Asset Transfer of Family Hub in Cornton, Stirling

Dear [REDACTED]

I write to you in support of PLUS Forth Valley's recent assent transfer request for the 'Family Hub' which is currently owned by the Prison Service.

My [REDACTED] year old [REDACTED] daughters who were born prematurely at 26 weeks and as a result have cerebral palsy have been service users of PLUS for over 10 years since they were 3 years old. Initially PLUS offered our family respite from the caring responsibilities associated with raising children with disabilities, offering a safe and nurturing place for my daughters to play and socialise while being cared for by knowledgeable staff who were trained to deal with their physical, sensory and personal care needs. However, PLUS has grown to become much more to us as a family. PLUS has been a source of information to us as we have had to navigate the complexities of education and healthcare for our daughters' multiple needs. The PLUS staff have a wealth of knowledge which is invaluable to families. Their welcoming and approachable ethos gives families a feeling of being listened to and a sense of belonging. Through my daughter's attendance at PLUS we have been able to establish an extensive support network with many other local families with similar experiences to ours. Raising children with disabilities can be very stressful and can lead to social isolation for many families however PLUS has offered an invaluable safe haven for our family.

If successful PLUS could utilise the Family Hub to offer a permanent home for the delivery of PLUS' service which is vital for the continued support of its service users and their families.

As an ASN Teacher within the local area I am aware of the multiple benefits that promotion of community involvement can bring to both the service users and the wider community. There is a great need for an expansion of the social and support services for people with disabilities within the local area and I feel PLUS can offer a variety of opportunities in this area.

As a trustee I have visited the hub and can see its wonderful potential for PLUS. PLUS could develop the hub to have many facilities that would benefit both PLUS service users and the local community such as a changing places toilet, a sensory room and a sensory garden. It's location within the heart of the community is ideal allowing members of the local community to become part of many of the projects and activities on offer such as:

- A community cafe
- Parent and child sessions/groups
- Family Support sessions
- Family Fun Days

Successful acquisition of the premises would also offer lots of employment and volunteering opportunities for local residents.

I strongly support this asset transfer and look forward to being involved in the positive outcomes it will bring.

Kind regards,

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(Parent, Volunteer, Trustee and local ASN Teacher)