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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 February 2024 17:35  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** PLUS asset transfer

Hi [REDACTED]

I am contacting you regarding the possible asset transfer of PLUS.

I have worked at PLUS for almost 2 years now and I am very proud of the work we do. There is an obvious lack of services in Stirling for children and adults with additional support needs and for most families PLUS is an important part of their lives. Some families that use PLUS have no other support for their young people and therefore have no other opportunities for respite. PLUS is able to provide this respite for many families and they benefit from free time knowing that their child is safe and cared for. I started working at PLUS in order to build my experience, having done some care work previously. Working at PLUS has inspired me to go to college and study a HNC in Social Services in order to improve the support I provide for young people. I support a variety of young people with complex medical needs, such as epilepsy, tube feeding and diabetes and I love the work I do.

We provide support for a variety of young people with a variety of conditions and services at PLUS are in high demand. Unfortunately our current building is not fit for purpose. The building is no longer big enough to accommodate our groups and we regularly have to use external venues for events. While this is currently viable it does mean that young people at these events lose out on the benefits of the PLUS building- especially our sensory room and accessible bath room. Our building is no longer meeting the needs of the young people and therefore limits the services provided by PLUS. Our building is not accessible to young people, especially our outdoor area. Many of our children benefit from fresh air and time outside to regulate, however there are many potential risks in our garden and this limits the use of it, especially for our young people with limited mobility. Our accessible bathroom is also not big enough and we have several children and adults that require hoisting for personal care. Ideally our service needs a shower as messy play is a favourite with our young people, but our current bathroom cannot accommodate this. As you can imagine it takes a lot of baby wipes to clean someone covered head to toe in paint!

Our service also provides benefits beyond the parents and families we support. PLUS hosts a lot of student placements from a variety of courses, as well as providing opportunities for volunteering. Our volunteers are a very important part of our services and I have really seen volunteers' confidence grow and thrive through their time at PLUS.

A successful asset transfer would present PLUS with a range of new opportunities. We would be able to broaden the services we can provide and support even more families. Pre-COVID PLUS was able to offer siblings the chance to come to PLUS, however our current building is now longer big enough to accommodate this. We have a waiting list for families who desperately need our support but cannot access it, a new and improved building would allow these families to access our support.

Understandably there is a lot of anxiety among staff and families about the upcoming changes to our service. Being successful in this asset transfer would provide security for all of us and would allow PLUS to continue providing the important services we do. This opportunity is important for many people and would have a significant impact on a lot of lives.

Kind regards,

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[REDACTED] - sessional worker at PLUS Forth Valley).

