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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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Hello [REDACTED]

I am emailing to support asset transfer of the family hub at SPS Cornton to Plus Forth Valley.

This transfer would secure good use of public resource to enable Plus to have security of tenure to continue and potentially expand their service provision.

My journey with autism, adhd and learning disabilities started in 1974, celebrated 50 years continuum a couple of weeks ago. For half that time and more Plus has been a consistent and for many individuals and families a saving grace providing much needed short time sessional respite for many, including my own. This enables siblings and parents a different reduced worry time to spend together of simply get some basic things done like essential shopping.

I have had an association to Plus for 25 years or more both as parent and as strategic partner and their provision for inclusion and opportunity goes beyond disabled individuals, to include their siblings, parents carers and legal guardians. Over and above their 1-2-1 support, they provide interface facilitation between statutory bodies, commissioning and policy professionals both locally and nationally.

Being able to deliver save space provision for individuals and families to be with their peers, providing significant meaningful social inclusion opportunities, contributing to so many national policy and strategic objectives, including GIRFEC, Scottish Strategy for Autism, Key to Life, Safeguarding and protection, and much more.

Through my work strategic work with Autism Network Scotland, Plus provided a communication interface for individuals and families to contribute to policy development and strategic decision making.

They were one of the first organisations in Forth Valley to put children and young people rights via their supported decision approach into practice and many organisations have learnt from this. They have also trained, encouraged staff (employed/volunteers) to progress themselves with many moving forward into promoted roles in different organisation.

I can't emphasise enough what the tenure of security would mean for Plus their clients, their families and all the associated professionals in Stirling.

Kindest

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