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Sent: 26 February 2024 14:28
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: support for asset transfer - PLUS FV

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to support the application by PLUS Forth Valley to enable them to have a stable base for the future for those that they support.

I feel that PLUS would use the building to provide a required specialised facility for those with a learning disability that are in short supply in the local area.

We support a similar client group of those with a learning disability in the local area and I am aware of the many barriers that some of our most vulnerable in society face. Those with learning disabilities and their families are already limited in the daily lifestyle choices that many of us engage in without thought or challenge and the families are already undertaking a privileged but challenging role as unpaid carers to their family member with lifelong needs. Supporting vulnerable children and adults with at times complex needs in the community can at times throw up situations that are out with the control of the staff, manager and board at PLUS and this can have a tremendous impact on those they support and their routine as well as those caring for them with little or no regular respite/break other than the supports offered by PLUS or ourselves. A service like PLUS having their own affordable and permanent base will remove some of the challenges and instability that can be caused by circumstances out with the families and support services control.

The recent news of PLUS's lease expiring highlighted the above challenges and I supported their team leader to explore use of our building for an interim period - albeit this wasn't required I felt I had gained insight into the difficulties for those they support, their families and staff. My service is lucky to have a purpose build facility for meeting the needs of adults with disabilities and think it would be of benefit for more of the learning disability community to support PLUS to have the same stability in provision of their support service. I feel that the asset transfer to secure a stable base of operations and support for PLUS clients will be of great advantage to those that they support, their families and the local community.

Please consider the disadvantaged client group of those with a learning disability in the local area and the impact that another specialised support facility would make for them and their families.

Kind regards

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