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Dear stakeholder

The Statutory Guidance for the Commissioning of Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Services in Wales was published on 15th May 2019 and can be accessed from the Welsh Government's website at:

<https://gov.wales/commissioning-violence-against-women-domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence-services>

The VAWDASV Commissioning guidance promotes high quality collaborative commissioning to deliver more consistent, needs-based and effective services to prevent VAWDASV, and protect and support victims of VAWDASV in Wales. It supports national, regional and local commissioning of evidence-based and integrated interventions, by both specialist and non-specialist VAWDASV services, to meet the purpose of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act 2015 to prevent gender-based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence; and to protect and support victims.

We will continue to work with stakeholders throughout 2019 -2020 via representatives on the Sustainable Funding Task and Finish group to support the continued effort to develop the necessary infrastructure to provide a truly consistent and effective multi-agency collaboration for commissioning VAWDSAV services in Wales.

I thank you for your continued support in tackling violence against women, gender-based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence and supporting the citizens of Wales access the vital services they require.

Yours sincerely

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