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Dear Rob,

**Period poverty: capital funding allocation for 2017/18 and revenue grant allocation for 2018/19**

It is unacceptable that some women and girls in Wales cannot afford to buy essential feminine hygiene products when they need them. I am committed to doing everything I can to tackle this inequality.

I am writing to offer your local authority a package of funding to help deliver the change in approach that is needed.

Firstly I am pleased to be able to make available capital funding allocation of £30,827 for the 2017/18 financial year. This will be distributed using the schools element of the 2017/18 general capital funding formula.

I would like all local authorities to spend this money on investing in sanitary equipment and necessary changes to toilet facilities in schools where it is needed. This could mean disposal bins for feminine hygiene products, new vending machines or adjustments to cubicles.

I recognise that the allocation is coming very late in the year for you to make the necessary arrangements to spend within this financial year. Therefore, I would encourage you to use the allocation in the best way you can now and commit to using a matching sum in the 2018/19 financial year to address any equipment and facilities issues in relation to addressing period poverty faced by schools in your local authority.

Secondly to complement the capital funding, I am also pleased to be able to make available revenue grant funding of £10,476 for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years. This will be distributed using the latest standard local government spending assessment formula.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

This revenue funding must be used to provide feminine hygiene products to those women and girls most in need in your authority. You are in the best position to determine the most appropriate mechanisms to reach your vulnerable communities which may include distributing through partnerships with local food banks, community hubs or other local groups. My officials will be writing to your officials about both allocations separately.

Yours sincerely



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