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Dear Mr Brown

Thank you for your email about Learning Disability services in Glasgow.

I want to assure you that the commitment I made in my letter to you of 1 March 2012 remains unchanged. A £150,000 funding package has been set aside as part of the legacy from the 2014 Commonwealth Games and will be used to ensure that a modern, fit for purpose facility that meets the needs of the East Carers is created within the Tollcross International Swimming Centre after the 2014 Games have taken place.

That legacy funding has not yet transferred to Glasgow City Council and it is expected that it will be transferred during the financial year 2013/14.

I understand that Glasgow City Council have invited your Group to attend the Council's Learning Disability Sub-Group meetings. This is a positive first step but it is important that Glasgow City Council continue to work with the East Carers Group before any proposal is submitted to the Scottish Government.

As I mentioned in my original letter to you, the Scottish Government will discuss the details of the funding package with Glasgow City Council before any final decisions are made. Michael Matheson, Minister for Public Health, has sought a meeting with Glasgow City Council in order to discuss Glasgow's plans for the funding package and I have asked him to update you following that discussion.

I hope this is helpful and provides you with the assurance that the Scottish Government remains committed to ensuring that the funding package will be utilised for a fit for purpose facility at Tollcross International Swimming Centre.

ALEX SALMOND