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Dear Ms Henderson,

Thank you for your letter of 20 December 2016 to the Minister of State for Disabled People inviting her to meet to discuss your concerns about the Disability Living Allowance assessor's guidance and the use of an unnamed expert in its formulation.

While I am afraid that the Minister is unable to meet you at the present time, for which she offers her sincere apologies, she did ask officials to look into your concerns.

I am pleased to say that we have welcomed the British Congenital Cardiac Association's very kind offer of an expert to peer review the developed guidance. Dr Pradip Thakar's assistance has already proved invaluable. We have incorporated all of his suggested changes and the guidance will be completed this month so that is ready for the face to face training that the decision makers will receive in February/March.

I hope that this is helpful and would like to thank you for taking the time to write to the Minister and raising this important issue with her.

Yours sincerely,

John Dickie
Correspondence Secretary to the Minister of State for Disabled People