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## Dear Andrew

I am writing in response to your Written Question, reference WQ89920: What consideration has the Minister given to offering people under 25 free bus travel in Wales?

We currently fund the 'My Travel Pass" scheme which entitles young people aged 16-21 with a discount of a third of the cost of the equivalent adult fare on local bus services across Wales.

As part of our Programme for Government commitment we have looked at options to improve the offer. Whilst no decision has been taken on potentially changing the scheme in Wales, we continue to monitor discounted ticketing schemes in other areas to gauge their effectiveness.

However, there are tough choices to be made in how we deploy our limited resources. We have therefore had to prioritise our bus funding to safeguard essential bus services helping to keep fares as low as possible for all.

Yours sincerely

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