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Dear Colleagues,

**Right to Control: Trailblazer Bid Deadline Extension**

The Right to Control will enable disabled people to have real choice and control over the support they receive to go about their daily lives.

You will have received a copy of the Right to Control prospectus outlining the closing date for submissions of Trailblazer bids as the 15<sup>th</sup> January. The Office for Disability Issues has received a number of representations from Local Authorities and their partners, requesting an extension to this deadline.

I am committed to ensuring the trailblazers are given the best opportunity to effectively deliver the Right to Control. That is why I want to ensure that you are provided with sufficient time to develop quality bids. Today I am writing to you to extend the deadline for final submissions of bids by two weeks, to **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010**.

I look forward to receiving your innovative bids in the New Year and wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Yours Faithfully,



**Jonathan Shaw MP**

Minister for Disabled People and Minister for the South East