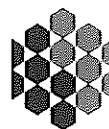


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24 November 2011

Dear Pat

I refer to your recent written Assembly Questions regarding the provision of services for the homeless (AQW 3642/11-15 and 3643/11-15) and I would advise of an amendment to my original replies.

In respect of AQW 3643, further analysis has highlighted that £741,004 will be provided for homelessness service provision in the Western Trust area in 2011/12. This represents an increase of £429,477 from my original response and is in relation to the funding provided to Ramona House, House in the Wells, Methodist City Missions and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive/Health and Social Care Board, as outlined in my response to your Assembly Question AQW 4282/11-15.

In relation to AQW 3642, the total allocated to homelessness organisations across Northern Ireland amounts to £2,418,757 in 2011/12 (£873,205 originally reported). The difference is due to the services commissioned by the HSCB in conjunction with the NIHE in respect of meeting the accommodation needs of young care leavers and providing dedicated social work support to homeless young people.

I trust this information is helpful and apologise for any confusion this error may have caused.

I have copied the letter to the Assembly Library Services for their information.

Edwin Poots MLA
Minister for Health Social Services and Public Safety

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE FOR ANSWER: 4 November 2011

ORDINARY WRITTEN NO: AQW 3643/11-15

Pat Ramsey (Foyle): To ask the Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety how much funding his Department has allocated to homeless organisations, in the Foyle constituency, in the 2011-15 budget period.

Edwin Poots

My Department does not track the allocation of funding by District or City Council area, nor does my Department directly provide funding for homeless organisations. However, the Western Health and Social Care Trust and the Public Health Agency have allocated a total of £741,004 in the current financial year to homeless organisations in the Western Health and Social Care Trust area. The funding is primarily used to provide accommodation and support for homeless people with chronic alcohol difficulties. I am unable, at this time, to provide details of future years funding.



Date 24/11/2011

Signed and approved by the Minister for Health Social Services and Public Safety

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Edwin Poots

My Department does not directly provide funding for homeless organisations. However, funding is being provided to homeless organisations by the Public Health Agency and Health and Social Care Trusts. The total amount of funding allocated to homeless organisations in the current financial year is £2,418,757. I am unable, at this time, to provide details of allocated future years funding.



Date 24/11/2011

Signed and approved by the Minister for Health Social Services and Public Safety