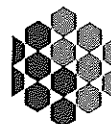


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*Dear Michael*

I refer to your written Assembly Question (AQW 28948/11-15) asking me to detail the total spend on private healthcare providers within the UK and Republic of Ireland, between January 2011 and January 2013.

My original response advised that the total spend on private health care providers within the UK and the Republic of Ireland amounted to £52.6m in 2011/12 and £66m in 2012/13.

I wish to advise you of an amendment to my original reply. It has come to my attention that the figures originally provided by the Health and Social Care Board for the total spend for 2011/12 and 2012/13 was incorrect. The Health and Social Care Board have revised these figures to £41.3m for 2011/12 and £64.5m for 2012/13 and the revised response is attached at **Appendix 1**.

I trust this information is helpful, and I apologise for any inconvenience the error may have caused. I have copied this letter to the Assembly Library Services for their information.

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