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Colin McGrath has asked:

To ask the Minister of Education (i) to list the youth groups that now receive less funding or no funding at all as a result of the recent revised funding scheme for youth work delivery by the Education Authority; (ii) to detail the amount of reduced funding for each group or organisation; and (iii) for the lists to be broken down by council area.

**ANSWER**

The Education Authority (EA) is responsible for the allocation of funding in respect of youth services and has arranged for the detailed information requested to be placed in the Assembly Library.

The EA has confirmed that all groups funded under EA legacy core funding arrangements in 2020-2021 who applied to the new scheme are in receipt of funding or a letter of offer for funding for 2021-2022 under either 'local area', 'local project', 'generic/targeted' or transitional funding arrangements. Significantly more groups, including Regional Voluntary Youth Organisations (RYVOs), have received additional funding (704) than have seen a reduction

(111). 291 new groups and 4 RVYOs have been funded for the first time. 233 groups, including 8 RVYOs, who previously received funding did not apply to the NFS and are excluded from this analysis.

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