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Dear Kellie,

AQW 15014 /22-27

You recently submitted an Assembly Witten Question AQW 15014/22-27, requesting the number of Major Adverse Incidents recorded by Supporting People Providers in each of the last five years, broken down by (i) type of adverse incident; and (ii) Supporting People thematic group.

As outlined in my response, due to the large volume of detail required to provide an answer, I have arranged for this to be deposited in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities

AQW 15014 /22-27 – details of the number of Major Adverse Incidents recorded by Supporting People providers in each of the last five years, broken down by (i) type of adverse incident; and (ii) Supporting People thematic group.

This is an operational matter for NIHE.

I have sought the requested information from the Chief Executive, who has advised me as follows:

“Please see the tables which detail the number of Major Adverse Incidents reported by Supporting People Providers in each of the last four years. Please note that 2019/2020 reports are unavailable due to a technical issue.”

2020/2021 Financial Year	Homelessness	Disability	Young People	Older People	Total
Aggressive Behaviour	2	1	1	3	7
Allegation of Abuse	0	2	1	1	4
Assault - Physical	1	4	4	3	12
Assault - Serious	5	8	4	1	18
Assault - Sexual	7	5	1	1	14
Assault - Staff	2	2	0	0	4
Attempted Suicide	7	2	1	0	10
Damage to Property	1	3	1	1	6
Data Breach	0	0	0	0	0
Death - Drugs	4	0	2	0	6
Death - Due to Illness	7	9	0	0	16
Death - Murder	1	0	0	0	1
Death - Suicide	3	0	0	1	4
Death - Unexpected	15	10	0	5	30
Drugs - Non-Fatal Overdose	11	1	2	0	14

Drugs Related	1	1	3	0	5
Financial Abuse	1	2	0	2	5
Fire	4	2	3	1	10
Ill health	4	0	0	0	4
Injury - Damage/Loss of Function	1	0	1	1	3
Injury - Permanent	0	1	0	0	1
Internet Abuse	0	2	0	0	2
Medication Error	0	3	0	0	3
Missing Person	1	0	1	0	2
Other	0	3	0	4	7
Threat Issued To Service User	1	0	1	0	2
Reputational Damage	3	0	3	1	7
Security Breach	3	0	0	0	3
Self-Harm	1	0	0	0	1
Staff	1	1	0	0	2
Total	87	62	29	25	203

2021/2022 Financial Year	Homelessness	Disability	Young People	Older People	Total
Assault - Physical	2	10	2	0	14
Assault - Serious	1	3	0	1	5
Assault - Sexual	9	4	7	2	22
Assault - Staff	2	1	0	0	3
Attempted Suicide	3	1	6	2	12
Damage to Property	0	1	1	0	2
Data Breach	0	0	0	0	0
Death - Drugs	5	0	1	0	6
Death - Due to Illness	7	5	0	0	12
Death - Murder	1	0	2	0	3
Death - Suicide	2	0	0	1	3
Death - Unexpected	9	6	0	9	24
Drugs - Non-Fatal Overdose	8	0	3	0	11
Drugs Related	5	0	3	0	8
Financial Abuse	0	8	0	5	13
Fire	0	4	1	1	6
Ill health	4	0	0	3	7

Injury - Damage/loss of function	1	3	1	1	6
Injury - Permanent	0	0	0	0	0
Internet Abuse	0	2	0	0	2
Medication Error	0	1	0	0	1
Missing Person	2	0	0	1	3
Reputational Damage	0	2	1	0	3
Security Breach	1	2	3	0	6
Self-Harm	1	11	0	0	12
Staff	3	5	0	2	10
Total	66	69	31	28	194

2022/2023 Financial Year	Homelessness	Disability	Young People	Older People	Total
Assault - Physical	2	15	2	1	20
Assault - Serious	2	4	0	0	6
Assault - Sexual	5	4	11	2	22
Assault - Staff	4	4	3	2	13
Attempted Suicide	4	7	7	0	18
Damage to Property	0	2	0	1	3
Data Breach	0	0	0	0	0
Death - Drugs	5	0	3	0	8
Death - Due to Illness	3	0	0	0	3
Death - Murder	0	1	0	0	1
Death - Suicide	3	0	0	0	3
Death - Unexpected	12	14	0	10	36
Drugs - Non-Fatal Overdose	6	0	3	0	9
Drugs Related	1	4	4	0	9
Financial Abuse	2	4	0	3	9
Fire	0	1	0	0	1
Ill health	4	4	0	3	11
Injury - Damage/loss of function	0	1	1	1	3
Injury - Permanent	2	0	0	0	2
Internet Abuse	0	2	0	0	2
Medication Error	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Person	1	4	1	0	6
Reputational Damage	1	1	0	0	2
Security Breach	1	3	0	2	6

Self-Harm	3	9	3	0	15
Staff	3	2	1	2	8
Total	64	86	39	27	216

2023/2024 Financial Year	Homelessness	Disability	Young People	Older People	Total
Assault - Physical	10	14	7	2	33
Assault - Serious	2	1	0	0	3
Assault - Sexual	5	7	4	2	18
Assault - Staff	4	4	0	1	9
Attempted Suicide	3	2	4	0	9
Damage to Property	3	3	1	1	8
Data Breach	1	0	0	0	1
Death - Drugs	2	0	1	0	3
Death - Due to Illness	1	4	0	1	6
Death - Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Death - Suicide	1	3	0	1	5
Death - Unexpected	15	18	0	3	36
Drugs - Non-Fatal Overdose	4	0	3	1	8
Drugs Related	4	4	1	0	9
Financial Abuse	0	8	2	4	14
Fire	5	5	0	0	10
Ill health	3	5	1	0	9
Injury - Damage/loss of function	2	1	0	1	4
Injury - Permanent	0	0	0	0	0
Internet Abuse	0	1	0	0	1
Medication Error	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Person	3	5	2	0	10
Reputational Damage	2	2	0	0	4
Security Breach	1	5	0	1	7
Self-Harm	2	6	1	0	9
Staff	7	4	2	1	14
Total	80	102	29	19	230