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Dear Timothy,

GEORGE STREET BALLYMENA – CHANGE OF USE

Thank you for your question during Question Time on Monday 4th November 2024, when you asked if my Department has oversight of the change in use from general needs to emergency accommodation that was granted to the Choice Housing Development at George Street, Ballymena.

As previously advised, commissioning decisions for Supporting People services are a matter for the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE), which is the commissioning body for the Programme. Decisions regarding change of use are also a matter for NIHE as the commissioning body for the Social Housing Development Programme. Accordingly, my Department cannot intervene with operational matters such as scheme changes.



NIHE have advised that Choice Housing Association have confirmed that essential reconfiguration works of George Street, Ballymena commenced on the 14th October 2024 and that work is expected to complete with the property ready for allocation in March 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Lyons MLA

Minister for Communities