

From: The Minister

20 May 2026

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Northern Ireland Assembly
Parliament Buildings
Ballymiscaw
Stormont

Dear Cara,

AQW 45232/22-27 INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 45232/22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,



**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

AQW 45232 22-27 – Annex A

My Department provides the following support:

Neighbourhood Renewal – Dove House Community Trust

My Department through the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund has provided funding to Dove House Community Trust to deliver the Advocacy Project, which is a community based, first response initiative for women experiencing domestic violence and addiction (alcohol and prescription drugs). The project is based in (a) the Foyle constituency and (b) Derry City and Strabane District Council area. The table below shows funding awarded.

Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Amount	£30,463.68	£26,860.44	£28,203.46	£28,823.26	£28,823.26

Foyle Women’s Aid Family Justice Centre

My Department contributed funding towards building the Foyle Women’s Aid Family Justice Centre in Derry / Londonderry. The centre is based in (a) the Foyle constituency and (b) Derry City and Strabane District Council area. The centre provides a range of services to those affected by domestic abuse including crisis intervention, emergency accommodation, case management and self-sufficiency programmes. CED contributed total funding of £425,863.44, with a final payment of £25,863.44 made in the 2022/23 financial year.

Year	2022/23
Amount	£25,863.44

Fresh Start

My Department contributes to The Executive Programme on Paramilitarism and Organised Crime (EPPOC) through both Fresh Start in the Community Projects and The Developing Women in the Community Programme. Designed to increase personal and community resilience to paramilitary influence, reducing the vulnerability of communities to paramilitary control, the primary focus of all DfC Fresh Start projects is a preventative approach to tackling paramilitarism. Each workstream includes some activity aligned with the Ending Violence against Women and Girls (EVAWG) Strategic Framework, however it is not possible to quantify the proportion of this funding that can be directly attributed to this work as the intervention is primarily to raise awareness of EVAWG and signpost to available funding.

In terms of input from the Housing Executive, they have advised:

“Homelessness

The tables directly below detail projects that supported victims of victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse; and addressing violence against women and girls over the past five years. These projects were supported by the Homeless Prevention Fund which was available during 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2025/26 with no prevention fund available during 23/24 and 24/25 as there was no budget allocation.

This information is not available broken down by Assembly constituency.

2021/22

Homeless Prevention Provider	Homeless Prevention grant Assigned	Operating Area(s) LGD
Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid	£33,565.55	Belfast & Lisburn & Castlereagh
Causeway & Mid-Ulster Women's Aid	£19,000.00	Causeway Coast & Glens & Mid Ulster
Fermanagh Women's Aid	£23,874.00	Fermanagh & Omagh
Men's Action Network - NI	£19,850.00	Derry & Strabane
Men's Advisory Project - NI	£44,923.50	N.I Wide
North Down & Ards Women's Aid	£19,000.00	Ards & N Down

2022/23

Homeless Prevention Provider	Homeless Prevention grant Assigned	Operating Area(s) LGD
Men's Action Network - NI	£17,000.00	Derry & Strabane
North Down & Ards Women's Aid	£28,650.00	Ards & N Down
Omagh Women's Aid	£15,845.00	Fermanagh & Omagh
Foyle Women's Aid	£13,366.63	Derry & Strabane

2025/26

Homeless Prevention Provider	Homeless Prevention grant Assigned	Operating Area(s)
Old Library Trust	£39,813.40	Derry & Strabane
Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid	£39,699.00	Belfast/Lisburn
Foyle Women's Aid	£42,026.00	Derry & Strabane
Antrim, Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Larne & Newtownabbey Women's Aid	£49,944.00	Mid and East Antrim, Antrim and N/Abbey
Men's Action Network	£27,850.00	Derry & Strabane
Causeway & Mid Ulster Women's Aid	£23,670.00	Causeway Mid Ulster
Housing Rights	£56,607.09	NI Wide

Supporting People Programme

The Supporting People (SP) Programme, which is administered by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive on behalf of the Department for Communities, provides grant funding for housing-related support to help vulnerable individuals live independently in the community. This includes services that support women, and women with children, who are affected by domestic abuse.

The SP programme grant funds the delivery of short-term accommodation-based services, providing support for those in housing need and through short-term floating support services for those who remain at home or in a community setting

Details of SP funding provided to organisations supporting women and women with children affected by domestic abuse are detailed in the tables below, broken down by council area.

Please note that some floating support services operate across multiple council areas and are therefore detailed in the 'Floating Support – Multiple Council Areas' table.

Accommodation Based	2025-26 (£ks)	2024-25 (£ks)	2023-24 (£ks)	2022-23 (£ks)	2021-22 (£ks)
<i>Ards & North Down Borough Council</i>	203	192	188	183	170
<i>Belfast City Council</i>	647	611	601	585	543
<i>Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council</i>	266	253	249	242	225
<i>Derry City & Strabane District Council</i>	497	469	461	449	416
<i>Fermanagh & Omagh District Council</i>	286	243	239	232	216
<i>Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council</i>	331	312	307	299	277
<i>Mid & East Antrim Borough Council</i>	605	576	561	547	507
<i>Mid Ulster District Council</i>	167	159	156	152	141
<i>Newry, Mourne & Down District Council</i>	240	247	243	236	219
Grand Total	3,243	3,062	3,004	2,925	2,715

Floating Support	2025-26 (£ks)	2024-25 (£ks)	2023-24 (£ks)	2022-23 (£ks)	2021-22 (£ks)
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<i>Ards & North Down Borough Council</i>	144	136	134	130	121
<i>Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council</i>	131	125	123	120	111
<i>Derry City & Strabane District Council</i>	306	289	339	276	256
<i>Fermanagh & Omagh District Council</i>	192	181	178	173	161
<i>Mid Ulster District Council</i>	144	137	135	131	122
Grand Total	917	868	908	831	771

Note. In 2023/24, in the Derry City & Strabane District Council area, one-off payment enabled Foyle Women’s Aid to expand its existing Floating Support provision to include additional accommodation, resulting in the service being delivered as a hybrid accommodation and floating support model.

Floating Support-multiple council areas	2025-26 (£ks)	2024-25 (£ks)	2023-24 (£ks)	2022-23 (£ks)	2021-22 (£ks)
<i>Belfast City and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council</i>	574	542	532	518	481
<i>Mid & East Antrim Borough and Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council</i>	375	357	348	339	314
<i>Newry, Mourne & Down District and Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council</i>	414	371	364	355	329
Grand Total	1,363	1,270	1,245	1,212	1,125

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