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Dear Ms McFarland

FOYLE HAVEN DAY CENTRE

Thank you for your letter dated 20 July 2017 on behalf of Derry City & Strabane District Council's Health & Community Committee expressing concerns about funding arrangements for the Foyle Haven Day Centre.

I am aware of the valuable service provided by Foyle Haven for street drinkers in the North West area over a number of years, and I am sorry to hear of the funding difficulties currently reported by DePaul with regards to this service.

Responsibility for procuring in local alcohol and drug services rests with the Public Health Agency (PHA) and the Western Health and Social Care Trust. I understand that both the PHA and the Trust have provided non-recurrent support to Foyle Haven over recent years and I would therefore encourage Foyle Haven/DePaul to continue to engage with the PHA and the Trust at the local level as the situation develops. You will however appreciate that the current financial environment, and procurement regulations, mean that there is very limited scope for further support from the Health and Social Care Sector at this time.

Yours sincerely

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