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Dear Jonathan

You recently asked WAQ 28979

When did the Minister become aware of concerns over the spending of the 'Drugs and Alcohol Misuse' budget by the Welsh NHS?

I am now in a position to give you the following answer.

Up until 1 April 2003, responsibility for Drug and Alcohol budgets in the NHS rested with Health Authorities. During the twelve months prior to the dissolution of Health Authorities their budgets were desegregated, in order to transfer responsibility to Local Health Boards and Health Commission Wales. As a consequence of that process a decision was taken to ringfence substance misuse money within the NHS, as part of the Welsh Assembly Government's wider effort to improve services in this area.

Yours sincerely



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