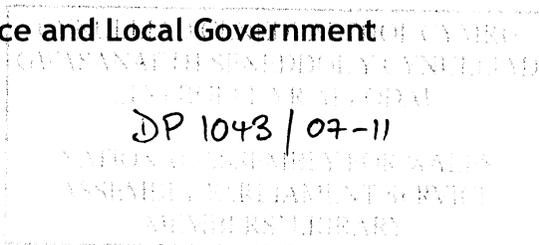


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The First Minister has asked me to respond to the query you raised during questions on 20 November.

You asked whether the Welsh Assembly Government would be reviewing the work of organisations such as Include and Drugaid in Cardiff and whether there were plans to expand their role and provide additional investment.

It is for Community Safety Partnerships to decide on a local level what substance misuse treatment services are necessary in their area. The Substance Misuse Action Fund (SMAF) has seen substantial increases in recent years from £3.3m in 2002-03 to more than £22m in 2007-08. The majority of this funding is distributed to CSPs for them to fund treatment services based on a robust assessment of local need. A large proportion of the Substance Misuse Action Fund (almost 40%) has been allocated to the voluntary sector by CSPs in Wales since 2003.

The draft budget, announced last month, includes substantial increases for substance misuse for the next 3 years. If approved, much of this will be allocated to CSPs to deliver the new substance misuse strategy and local voluntary service providers are likely to receive additional funding as a result.

Yours sincerely

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