

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2014**

**Question**

Will the Minister inform the Assembly of the Health and Social Services' policy in respect of the services which are presently available for separated families and provide details of the professional support, funding and facilities provided by the Department to Milli's Child Centre at Bel Royal School?

What urgent action, if any, is the Minister taking to ensure this vital service is able to continue at the end of June 2014 when Milli's is due to close?

**Answer**

Health & Social Services does not provide any funding to Milli's Child Contact Centre, but acknowledges the work that the service has provided in supporting families. Contact has been made with the service organisers from Milli's and it is clear that the reason for the closure of the centre relates to the problems in recruiting volunteers to run the provision.

The Minister, as Chair of the Children's Policy Group, is intending to raise the issue at the next CPG meeting, with a view to the departments, which include Home Affairs and Education, Sport & Culture, assessing the possible impact of the closure and working together to identify what may need to be done to deal with this potential gap.