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**Dear Councillor Logue** 

Thank you for your letter to Shona Robison regarding Alcohol & Drug Paretnership Funding received on 16 February 2017.

Your letter has been passed to the relevant office for response or appropriate action. The Scottish Government aims to respond to you within 20 working days. Where this is not possible, we will endeavour to keep you updated on the progress of your response.

Yours sincerely

Kevin McArthur

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9 February 2017

Dear Councillor Danny,

Thank you for your letter of 16 December 2016 to Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport, regarding Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) funding for West Lothian Integration Joint Board (IJB). I am replying as the issues raised in your letter fall within my portfolio.

I note the concerns you raise regarding the provision of services provided by Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADPs). The allocation of the 2016/17 ADP Funding has to be seen in the overall budget context, which took place against the backdrop of the toughest public expenditure conditions we faced.

I would like to assure you that we remain fully committed to supporting those with an addiction. As such, supporting the work and delivery of services by ADPs remains a priority. The draft Scottish Government budget for 2017/18 provides for the allocation of £53.8 million to support Alcohol and Drug services. This sits alongside funds provided from other NHS sources, statutory partners and the third sector, which collectively makes up the resources package for this important work.

The Scottish Government actively supports effective local decision-making and has put in place an infrastructure to achieve that. We are continuing to support delivery of Alcohol and Drug outcomes through our National Support Team and investment in National Commissioned Organisations.







Their focus on achieving best value and the best outcomes for their clients is of critical importance.

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Hope this is helpful,

**AILEEN CAMPBELL** 



