

# Hamilton Women's Aid

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Dear Mr McNally

I am replying on behalf of Hamilton Women's Aid to your letter dated 29th October.

It would appear that you have not entirely understood the points which we made in our previous letter. As far as we are aware there are no errors in our letter dated 27th October.

We did not, as point (1) of your letter suggests, state that Clydebank District Council was 'responsible' for Clydebank Women's Aid or that C.D.C had made any cash contribution to C.W.A. we merely pointed out that the COSLA report on Domestic Violence contained the finding that all local authorities should support Women's Aid by direct funding.

However, we are aware that Clydebank District Council have funded Clydebank Women's Aid indirectly and that at a Homelessness Sub-Group meeting it was stated that Clydebank District Council will part fund Clydebank Women's Aid after their Urban Aid funding ceased.

We have difficulty in understanding the relevance of your point (2) as we did not remark in our letter on any rental agreement between Clydebank District Council and Clydebank Women's Aid.

We would agree that any District Council has a responsibility to ensure that all its property is maintained in good condition, your point (3), but in most cases unless tenants are damaging the structure of a property the internal decor and furnishings are not of relevance to a tenancy agreement. However, if in the case of Clydebank Women's Aid refuge the District Council feels a responsibility for the interior conditions we would suggest that the most productive way of ensuring the quality of these would be to fund Clydebank Women's Aid to allow them to maintain both the property and the service to abused women.

Clydebank District Council had promised funding of £18,500 to Clydebank Women's Aid which suggests that, at least in the first instance, the council was willing to honour the COSLA agreement. We would be very interested to learn of any legitimate reasons unknown to us for the proposal to close down Clydebank Women's Aid refuge and deny the promised funding. We hope to be informed of any such reasons by yourself as soon as possible.

I am enclosing a copy of our original letter and of your reply for your perusal.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

for Hamilton Women's Aid