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Dear Mr O'Neill

Thank you for your letter concerning the Suspensory Motion Passed at Meeting of South Dublin County Council (SM2/1214) in relation to Cuan Alainn refuge.

Cuan Alainn Refuge, located in Tallaght, offers sheltered housing to women and families suffering from domestic violence. Respond Housing Association has provided funding to the refuge since it opened in 2012.

Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, endorses the use of second-stage refuge and supported accommodation to enable people to move on from emergency accommodation and this is the direction the Agency intends to pursue, within overall provision of specialist domestic violence services.

However, Tusla funding for domestic violence is allocated to emergency refuge accommodation services and community-based domestic violence supports.

Tusla met with Respond Housing Association recently and informed them, that as matters stand, there is currently no funding available in 2015 to allocate to this service.

I hope that this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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Private Secretary to Minister James Reilly, TD

