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Subject: RE: Line to clear - Care home beds fund - STV online

Thanks, will issue now

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Hi REDACTED,

Ms Todd is content.

Kind regards,

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Good evening,

STV are looking for a response to a release the LibDems have given to us regarding interim hospital beds, claiming it was a stunt and didn't solve the issue intended.

I would be grateful for clearance of the following line agreed with policy and spads.

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“The £8 million announced by the Health Secretary was intended to provide support for around 300 people, and was exceeded with almost 500 people being supported, helping to ensure patients were cared for in a more appropriate setting.”

QUERY

Scottish Liberal Democrat MP Willie Rennie has today uncovered that Humza Yousaf's £8 million plan to purchase 300 additional interim care beds to help tackle high number of patients trapped in hospital helped just a few dozen patients a week.

On 10th January, Health Secretary Humza Yousaf announced £8 million to be shared among Health and Social Care Partnerships which he claimed would allow them to procure 300 additional interim care beds, with the funding allowing boards to pay 25% over and above the care home rate. This funding expired at the end of March.

However analysis by Scottish Liberal Democrats and the independent Scottish Parliament Information Centre has now revealed that between Humza Yousaf's announcement and 3rd April, on average just 42 people per week were using beds funded under the additional funding.

In March 2023, the average number of beds occupied per day by patients deemed fit to leave hospital was 1,688.

Willie Rennie said:

“Announcing this money was clearly designed to save Humza Yousaf from an awkward media round, not solve the problem of patients trapped in hospital.

“His stunt has fallen flat. Just a few dozen patients were able to take advantage of these beds each week. I have spoken with consultants today who thought they weren't placing any more in interim beds than before the announcement.

“The policy was already insufficient to tackle the scale of the problem, but the then Health Secretary didn't even meet the very limited goal he set out.

“With only a small amount of time-limited funding available, it's easy to see why health and social care partnerships might be reluctant to rely on expensive short-term beds if they couldn't guarantee a permanent bed when the funding runs out. The result is patients left in hospital beds.

“Government by press release is no substitute for investing in social care to deliver the long-term capacity that our system needs.

ENDS

Notes to editors:

Figures for uptake of additional interim care beds are as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Number of people taking up interim care placements procured using additional funding offer in the latest week</i>
<i>As at 16 January 2023</i>	<i>49</i>
<i>As at 23 January 2023</i>	<i>58</i>
<i>As at 30 January 2023</i>	<i>55</i>
<i>As at 6 February 2023</i>	<i>35</i>
<i>As at 13 February 2023</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>As at 20 February 2023</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>As at 27 February 2023</i>	<i>53</i>
<i>As at 6 March 2023</i>	<i>46</i>
<i>As at 13 March 2023</i>	<i>32</i>
<i>As at 20 March 2023</i>	<i>34</i>
<i>As at 27 March 2023</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>As at 3 April 2023</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>494</i>

Are you able to say how much of the £8m was spent and why nowhere near 300 beds were allocated?

Thanks

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