



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert:

Reference: Hearing on 15 November 2023, Annual Report of Community Services Directorate

In relation to: Multidisciplinary Centre with specialist sexual violence responses and services

- (1) Where will the Multi-Disciplinary Centre be located?
- (2) When is the Multi-Disciplinary Centre anticipated to be in full operation?

Minister Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

(1) The location of the Multi-Disciplinary Centre is yet to be determined. The Multi-Disciplinary Centre will be operating from a temporary location in 2024. The Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Office will procure a scoping and feasibility study in 2024 to make recommendations about an appropriate location and building specifications to meet the needs of victim-survivors.

(2) The Multi-Disciplinary Centre will commence its operation in phases, with an initial focus on hiring Independent Sexual Violence Advisors and starting Wraparound which involves establishing a monthly face-to-face meeting that brings together relevant agencies to coordinate responses to victim survivors.

The full operation of the Multi-Disciplinary Centre is dependent on locating a fit for purpose building to house the Centre. The fit for purpose building will be informed by a feasibility study which will consider building design, layout, cost, and location.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature:

Date:

30/11/23

By the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Yvette Berry MLA