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Dear Buffy Williams MS

Eliminating profit from children's care homes (correction of data provided)

The following question was asked by Vaughan Gething MS during the Children, Young People and Education Committee on the 9 January 2025.

“We've had a lot of talk about the Welsh Government plan to eliminate profit from children's care homes, and some people talk about that as a risk in terms of some people moving away from the market, or whether actually it will help to deliver the stability that everyone is looking for. So, I'm interested in your view on how big a risk those plans are, and, if there is a risk, what you'd expect providers to do about that, and, obviously, the conversation you're having with the Government about it.”

I stated that on the 31 December 2024, 33 per cent of children's homes were not for profit. Margaret Rooney added that 64% of children's care homes have to become not for profit by 2030. The detail of the number of care homes for profit and not for profit I provided was accurate, but the percentage I gave was incorrect. It should have been 25% and not 33% as stated.

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I attach below a chart which shows the position:

Number of services not for profit and for-profit children's homes					
For Profit/Not For Profit Grouped	service provider sub-type	31/03/2022	31/03/2023	31/03/2024	31/12/2024
For profit	Limited Company	201	219	234	249
For profit	Other Corporate Body	6	6	6	6
For profit Total		207	225	240	255
Not for profit	Charitable Company				1
Not for profit	Charitable Incorporated Organisation	1	1	1	1
Not for profit	Local Authority	34	38	58	64
Not for profit	Other Corporate Body	14	13	15	18
Not for profit Total		49	52	74	84
Grand Total		256	277	314	339
Percentage of total which is not for profit		19.1%	18.8%	23.6%	24.8%

I apologise to the committee and welcome this opportunity to correct the data.

Yours sincerely



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