

Grianan Training Centre,  
High Park,  
Drumcondra,  
Dublin, 9.

31st July, 1972.

A Chara,

We wish to draw your attention to the following matter.

We have here a Training Centre for problem girls. Our Centre has also been certified as a Remand Home.

The Health Boards have paid maintenance at the rate of £8.25p. per capita per week. This has been increased to £9.90p. per week as from 1st, July, 1972. On the other hand, we receive only £7.75p. per week from the Department of Justice for the girls we have here on Probation although the same care and subsistence is accorded to each girl.

We consider that it is the Department of Justice which should pay a higher rate as the over-heads for a girl in trouble with the Law are usually much higher than for the girl in need of care and protection. It is difficult to understand how the rate of £7.75p. was calculated.

We ask you therefore to be good enough to investigate this matter and to have the maintenance rate brought up, at least, to the level of the Health Boards' allowance.

Is mise, le meas,

*Sr. Columba*

Sister-in-Charge.

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