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**Rennie and Tolson Welcome Funding for Safe Space Project**

Jim Tolson MSP and Willie Rennie MP welcomed the news of the award from BBC Children in Need to the Safe Space Project in Dunfermline. Safe Space Project has been awarded £92,180. The three year grant will pay for the salary costs of a part-time counsellor and a part-time support worker.

Jim and Willie visited Safe Space in Dunfermline on Friday to talk to the staff about their work.

Jim commented "Safe Space provides a much needed service to a vulnerable group of clients and is available to anyone able to travel to Fife. Utilising St. Margaret's House, next to Dunfermline Abbey, means that Safe Space staff have a secure, modernised and central home in which to provide this important service to a very vulnerable client group."

Willie commented "Charities such as Safe Space provide vital support to those people and their families who have suffered first hand the trauma of being sexually abused. The grant given to them by Children in Need will allow Safe Space to carry on with their work and continue to provide support to all those who have suffered as a result of sexual abuse."