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£250,000 BOOST TO HELP GB VICTIMS OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND 'TROUBLES'

Victims' Minister Angela Smith has pledged a cash injection of £250,000 to the Warrington based Legacy Project, to help victims and survivors of Northern Ireland's 'Troubles' who live in Great Britain.

The announcement was made today at the first national conference for GB victims and survivors of the Northern Ireland conflict, which took place at the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Centre in Warrington.

In a statement Victims' Minister Angela Smith said:

"Today's conference – 'Reflecting on the Needs of GB Victims and Survivors of the Northern Ireland Troubles' is a milestone event in raising awareness of victims issues in GB and marks the implementation of an important recommendation from the Legacy Project's Independent Needs Analysis published in November last year.

"The Government has responded positively to the recommendations contained in the report and today's announcement of further funding of £250,000 to the Legacy Project underlines its commitment to address victims' needs and drive forward the report's recommendations.

"This additional funding should sustain the valuable work done by the Legacy Project until 2007 and will allow for the needs of GB victims and survivors to be targeted in an appropriate way, relevant to their particular areas of need.

"The conference aims to share best practice in dealing with victims issues and gives service providers and practitioners an opportunity to share clinical experience and improve their understanding of the needs of trauma victims."

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