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Dear Paige

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Further to my email of 14th May 2018 and our subsequent telephone conversation of 5th June 2018, I have now received your e-mail dated 5th June 2018 clarifying your Freedom of Information request. Thank you for this.

I can confirm that the Department of Health has now completed its search for information; for ease I have set out your request below.

- i. *The amount of Mental Health funding from 2007/08 to 2017/18 (inclusive) and the percentage of the overall budget that this represents for each year.*
- ii. *How the funds budgeted for mental health in 2018/19 will be allocated.*
- iii. *How the additional £10m for Mental Health will be allocated for 2018/19 and for the subsequent four years thereafter.*
- iv. *How the Confidence & Supply funding [e.g. the additional £10m for Mental Health] will sit alongside the other funds allocated to mental health under normal budgetary arrangements [e.g. will the extra money for 2018/19 and the next four years go to reinforce existing primary/secondary/prevention/other services, by 'increasing the pot' of funds available for those existing services? Or will it be allocated to the costs of transformation? Or to new activities? Or other?*

In response to part (i) of your request, the Department holds information on expenditure by Health and Social Care Trusts within the Mental Health Programme of Care (PoC). This information is provided below:

Year	PoC 5 –Mental Health-Trust Expenditure £m	% of DoH Expenditure
2007/08	195.7	5.3%
2008/09	221.4	5.5%
2009/10	224.3	5.4%
2010/11	228.0	5.4%
2011/12	227.5	5.3%
2012/13	229.8	5.2%
2013/14	233.8	5.2%
2014/15	243.6	5.3%
2015/16	249.4	5.2%
2016/17	255.6	5.2%

Note: Excludes primary care and any investments made directly by PHA and HSCB.

Please note Trust expenditure within the Mental Health Programme of Care **does not represent the totality of spending on mental health services**, as services delivered by GPs and the Public Health Agency, for example, will contain a significant mental health component. The information for 2017/18 is not currently available.

In response to part (ii) of your request, this information is not held by the Department of Health.

In response to parts (iii) and (iv) of your request, the Department received £10m of Mental Health Confidence and Supply funding, which was ring-fenced for Mental Health services, as part of the 2018/19 Budget. Any future allocations that the Department of Health receives in relation to the Mental Health Confidence and Supply funding will be transferred to the Department from the Department of Finance only with full legislative authorisation, in line with established Budgetary and Estimates processes. As only a one year 2018/19 budget has been set funding in relation to the subsequent four years has not been allocated to the Department at this time.

The £10m received from the Confidence and Supply funding for Mental Health services will be used to help address increasing pressures on Mental Health services. This includes areas such as increases in mental health costs due to inflation and ensuring that current services are maintained.

In addition to the £10m of Mental Health Confidence and Supply funding the Department has also allocated an additional £6.14m to Mental Health originating from the wider Confidence and Supply Health Transformation funding.

Further information in relation to parts ii, iii and iv may be available from the Freedom of Information officer at the Health and Social Care Board - foi.hscb@hscni.net.

You have the right to request that the Department formally review this decision within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you wish to do so, please write to Mr Brendan O'Neill (foi@health-ni.gov.uk), Annexe 3, Castle Buildings, Stormont, Belfast BT4 3SQ.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me on 02890 765634. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Feeney'.

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