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Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Chair, Petitions Committee

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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 16 December on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding mental health services funding in Wales.

The Welsh Government recognises the importance of providing as much flexibility as possible for health boards to respond to the additional pressure on services as a result of the pandemic. In March we released £3.5m funding for the first six months from the Mental Health Service Improvement Fund (£7m in total). This was allocated across all health boards to ensure the continuity and flexibility of service that was required at that time.

The second £3.5m allocation was made in year to the priority areas included within our [Together for Mental Health Delivery Plan](#). This meant funding being made available to CAMHS / support for children and young people, out of hour / crisis services, further support to perinatal services, eating disorder services and to enable increased access to psychological therapies.

All health boards have now received their full allocation against the £7m for mental health services and this funding has been added to the main NHS allocation (within the mental health ring fence) for 2021-22.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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