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Dear Mr Humpherson,

Thank you for your letter dated 26 January 2018.

Delivery of the *Five Year Forward View for Mental Health* is underpinned by significant additional funding and the implementation plan (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/fyfv-mh.pdf>) sets out the detail on the additional investment through to 2020/21, building on existing local investment in mental health services.

As you are aware, NHS England publishes planned and actual mental health expenditure for CCGs in England in addition to a total CCG expenditure. Today, we have also published total planned and actual mental health expenditure, including both spend by CCGs and spend on specialised mental health services. This is publicly available via the *Mental Health Five Year Forward View Dashboard* (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/mental-health/taskforce/imp/mh-dashboard/>).

The figures published in the Mental Health Dashboard show that:

- There has been an overall increase in expenditure in cash terms of £1.6bn from 2013/14 to 2016/17.
- The proportion of overall programme spending on mental health has increased. As stated in the mental health dashboard, CCGs increased their mental health expenditure from £9,148m in 2015/16 to £9,723m 2016/17, an increase of £575m or 6.3%. This compares with overall growth in CCG allocations of 3.7% in 2016/17.
- 85% of CCGs increased mental health expenditure in excess of the overall growth in their allocation in 2016/17.
- From 2015/16 to 2016/17, spend on specialised mental health also increased from £1,831m to £1,879m, an increase of 2.6%.

- Therefore, for CCGs and specialised commissioning combined, expenditure on mental health increased from £10,979m in 2015/16 to £11,602m in 2016/17, an increase of 5.7%. This compares to an overall increase in allocations for CCGs and specialised commissioning of 3.4%.

We will continue to strengthen the dashboard as data quality improves and continue, as you suggest, to promote the dashboard as a resource to monitor the delivery of the *Five Year Forward View for Mental Health*.

Copies of this letter go to recipients of yours.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Stevens', with a horizontal line underneath.

Simon Stevens

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