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To: Councillor Megan Swift

Dear Councillor Swift,

Thank you for your question raised at the recent Health and Wellbeing Board, in which you referred to responses to a recent freedom of information request, indicating that the share of NHS funding going to Mental Health Services was falling rather than rising. I think that you were concerned that the data appeared to show that mental health spending in Calderdale was also reducing.

I am more than happy to be able to confirm that there is no strategy to reduce spending on these important services for Calderdale residents. I have attached a spreadsheet which sets out our spend over the past two years and the anticipated position at the end of 2015/16.

You will see that calculating total spend on mental health services is a complex business, because our total spend breaks down to a number of separate components, some of which vary year on year because of the need to fix specific service problems in year – such as is happening this year with the CAMHS service, or because people with specific needs require more funding to be deployed in support of their care – as happens within the Continuing Healthcare line.. you will see that total core and non-recurrent spend does therefore fluctuate from year to year. We also where possible invest non-recurrently in a number of additional initiatives that assist in delivering our CCG priorities. You will see from the attached that for 2013/14 and 2014/15, a proportion of this funding was invested in mental health services.

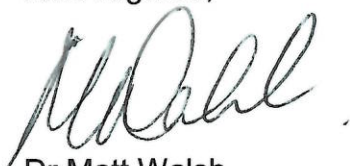
In terms of our planned spend in 2015/16, we have set aside £500k non-recurrent grant monies to support business cases in line with our priorities from the voluntary and third sectors. We are still to finalise the grants being made, however I would expect that a proportion of these will relate to initiatives within mental health.

You might also be interested to know that we increased the value of the contract with South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust (SWYPFT) by £172k in 2015/16 to take account of demographic changes.

I can reassure you that far from cutting services within mental health we continue to make significant investment in this area.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Walsh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Matt Walsh
Chief Officer

cc. Julie Lawreniuk, Chief Finance Officer

Total Mental Health Spend

	Total Spend £k 13/14	Total Spend £k 14/15	Forecast Spend £k Notes 15/16
Mental Health Core Contracts	25,068	24,993	25,431
Continuing Care - relating to MH	3,078	3,202	2,925 fewer cases in 15/16 than at this stage in 14/15
Prescribing - relating to MH	2,662	2,700	2,835
Total Mental Health Spend	30,808	30,895	31,191
Non Recurrent Investment	295	300	200
RAID	Noah's Ark	CAMHS	non recurrent investment for 15/16 not yet finalised
Healthy Minds	MH/Crisis	200	
Dementia	MH Concordat	150	
Young peoples Well being	MH Dols	18	
	SWYMHIT	170	
Total Non Recurrent Investments	1,107	838	200