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Regional Directors
Regional Operations & Delivery Directors
Directors of Commissioning Operations
Regional Medical Directors
Regional Mental Health Leads

Dear Colleague

Re: Pump prime investment in all-age 24/7 liaison mental health services in emergency departments (EDs)

Further to the communication in August about the £30m non recurrent funding for liaison mental health, this note is sent to inform you about a communication that will be shortly sent to CCGs. The breakdown of the use of the £30m non-recurrent funds is as follows:

- **£25m to be distributed on a fair shares basis between all CCGs**, to pump prime sustained investment in 24/7 all-age liaison mental health services in EDs, based on funding proposals developed on an System Resilience Group (SRG) footprint. The allocation for all CCGs in your region is provided as Annex A to the enclosed letter to CCGs.
- **£4m to be distributed between CCGs within the UEC Vanguard sites**. These vanguard sites have committed to incorporate mental health crisis as a core part of their work and will test and evaluate all-age models of liaison mental health, including for children and young people and develop the dataset required to ensure inclusion of mental health crisis care in urgent and emergency care payment models. This process will have additional central oversight by the UEC vanguard support team and the NHS England mental health clinical policy and strategy team.
- **£1m (£250k for each region) ring-fenced to establish a regional programme** to prepare for a future anticipated access standard for liaison mental health. These monies are to be used to fund regional 'preparedness leads' and dedicated clinical leadership time from liaison mental health (adult and paediatric) and emergency medicine experts. These clinicians will be a key resource for regions and CCGs in the assurance of proposals developed by CCGs.

Assurance of CCG investment plans

CCGs have been sent a letter notifying them of their individual allocation and asked to develop investment plans on an SRG footprint, working collaboratively with other CCGs as appropriate to develop one single plan per SRG. This approach has the advantage of ensuring that mental health crisis becomes a core element of SRGs' work. Further detail is provided in the communication to CCGs attached.

50% of the funding is being released immediately in October to CCGs via in year allocations, with the remainder being transferred in month 9 (December) allocations, once investment proposals have been assured by NHS England regional teams.

CCGs are to submit their plans to regional offices by **9 November**. Regions are asked to send assured plans to the central Mental Health Policy and Strategy Team mailbox, at England.MentalHealth@nhs.net by **no later than 27 November**.

A checklist will be provided to regions shortly to support the assurance of CCG plans. The NHS England regional teams will not be expected to assure the £4m spend in so far as it relates to the UEC vanguard-specific asks. This will be done by the central UEC vanguard team and Mental Health Policy and Strategy team.

For efficiency and where feasible, it is suggested that funding allocations are aggregated across a CCG collaborative within an SRG in order to gain economies of scale to secure a more effective outcome with local providers.

Actions for regions

Regional colleagues, in particular Directors of Commissioning Operations are asked to:

- Ensure that CCG plans are submitted to regions by **9 November** using the template and self -assessment checklist (Annex B to the CCG letter) and that the arrangements for the submission and assurance of plans are communicated to CCGs.
- Ensure that the assurance process is completed **by no later than 27 November** with the necessary confirmation sent to the central Mental Health Policy and Strategy Team via the mailbox: England.MentalHealth@nhs.net
- Lead the assurance of the CCG proposals for pump primed investment, ensuring that evidence based plans are developed on an SRG footprint and:
 - Include investments in emergency department liaison mental health for children and young people as well as working age and older adults. This should be referenced in CCG Children and Young People's Mental Health (CYPMH) Transformation plans.
 - Address the resource gaps towards achieving the Core 24 service model;
 - Specify the key objectives that will be met with the additional investment and the measurable outcomes it will deliver.
 - Demonstrate how the additional investment in liaison mental health services will be sustained in anticipation of a forthcoming access standard (within the next 2 years)

- In the assurance of plans, utilise the expert clinical input identified by the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Liaison Faculty, the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, and NHS England's children and young people's mental health team. Some suggested initial points of contact for each region are included in Annex A below.
- Provide assurance at the end of Q4 that:
 - The resources allocated have been used as intended.
 - The key objectives for investment as described by CCGs have been met
 - A regional programme is in place to prepare for the work for a future anticipated access standards for liaison mental health.
 - The delivery of local plans, have the necessary oversight arrangements through the SRGs.

The key dates and milestones are set out below:

Date	Milestones
October 2015	CCGs informed of total allocations. 50% of funding to be released immediately to CCGs.
9 November 2015	Submission of CCG pump prime investment proposals for 24/7 all age liaison mental health.
27 November 2015	Assurance process completed and confirmation of fully assured plans sent by regions to: England.MentalHealth@nhs.net
December 2015	Remaining 50% funding released to CCGs following assurance of investment proposals

We hope that the approach being taken offers a balance of addressing current immediate need and maintaining a focus on the future strategic direction of the NHS via the new models of care programme.

We also appreciate the considerable challenge posed by the objective to improve levels of effective models of liaison mental health and are committed to work with you to support the delivery of this goal.

Yours sincerely



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cc:

Monitor and TDA Regional Directors

Annex A

Point of contact for specialist clinical input for liaison mental health

	Adult liaison mental health ¹	Paediatric liaison mental health clinical input (Both are required)		Emergency Medicine Experts ²
		CYP Psychiatry experts ³	CYP Psychology experts ⁴	
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¹ recommended by Royal College of Psychiatrist Liaison Faculty

² Recommended by the Royal College of Emergency Medicine

³ recommended by Royal College of Psychiatrists Child and Adolescent Faculty

⁴ recommended by NHSE Children and Young People's Mental Health team