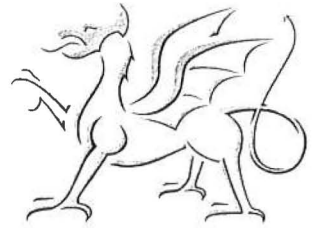


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Dear Dai

In Plenary on the 10 December you asked how much additional funding that mental health will receive.

Three primary sources of funding exist, these are:

- Local Health Board/Health Authority discretionary allowances;
- Local Authority Social Services budgets; and
- National Assembly Health and Social services central budgets.

**Health Authority Expenditure:**

Historical expenditure on Mental Health incurred by Health Authorities is shown in the table immediately below. Detailed figures for 2003-04 are however not yet available as the figures are obtained retrospectively each year. If you so wish I can make these figures available to you when they are available.

				£000
1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
196,649	204,719	220,677	250,807	276,538

**Local Authority Social Services Budgets:**

We anticipate local authorities to incur £46.085 million in 2003-04 on the provision of Mental Health services. In addition to this sum, local authority budgets for 2003-04 contain £188.715 million for the provision of learning disability services.



## Direct Funding from the National Assembly:

Funding for the financial year 2003-4 is budgeted as:

	£000
Health Commission Wales	33,000
Capital Modernisation	24,266
Supporting People Revenue Grant - Housing	8,000
Mental Health Policy	4,021
Social Care Policy	4,700
Flexibilities Funding	1,984
Health Inequalities	1,645
Communities First	11
Substance Misuse	1,119
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,746</b>

In addition to this expenditure any European Social Fund Objective 1 or 3 approved project could have beneficiaries who have mental health problems. Projects that have been awarded grants since March 2002 that can clearly be defined as including a service to mental health sufferers has been calculated to total £2.492 million.

One of the Community Funds strategic priorities for the coming three years is to provide funding to projects for 'disabled people and their carers including people with physical impairments, mental health problems and learning difficulties. Funding allocated to projects concerned with mental health issues since April 2002 to date stands at £1.664 million.

I hope that this response is helpful. I am copying this letter to Jane Hutt AM.

Yours sincerely



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