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Dear Chief Executives

Draft Budget 2018-19 – Indicative Allocation

Following the announcement of the Scottish Government’s Draft Budget for 2018-19 by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution in Parliament today, I am writing to provide details of the funding settlement for Health Boards and the indicative 2018-19 baseline budget for Territorial and National Boards. A breakdown of the total is provided in the annex to this letter.

A central component of the settlement for the Portfolio is that it will allow for progress to be made in delivering the commitment that more than half of frontline spending will be in community health services by the end of this parliament. The funding in 2018-19 is designed to support a further shift in the share of the frontline NHS budget dedicated to mental health and to primary, community and social care. The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport expects NHS Boards and Integration Authorities to contribute to this Programme for Government commitment and it will be essential that this is clearly evidenced as part of plans for 2018-19.

Investment in Reform

Funding for reform will increase by £175 million, to £303 million in 2018-19.

	2017-18 (£m)	2018-19 (£m)	Increase for 2018-19 (£m)
Transformational Change Fund	25.0	126.0	101.0
Primary Care	60.0	110.0	50.0
Mental Health	30.0	47.0	17.0
Trauma Networks	5.0	10.0	5.0
Cancer	8.0	10.0	2.0
Total Investment in reform	128.0	303.0	175.0

The components of these lines and the approach to allocating reform funding will be set out by individual policy areas in advance of the new financial year.

Baseline Funding

Territorial Boards will receive a cash terms uplift of 1.5%. In addition to this, those Boards furthest from NRAC parity will receive a share of £30 million, which will mean that no Board is further than 0.8% from NRAC parity in 2018-19.

The four patient facing National Boards, (Scottish Ambulance Service, NHS24, Golden Jubilee and The State Hospital) will each receive a cash terms uplift of 1.0%. In addition, the Scottish Ambulance service will receive a further £6 million to support the implementation of their strategy. NHS National Services Scotland, Healthcare Improvement Scotland, NHS Education for Scotland and NHS Health Scotland will receive a flat cash settlement.

The National Board savings requirement of £15 million in 2017-18 will be made recurring in 2018-19. This savings requirement is not yet reflected in the National Board baseline allocation and will be agreed in advance of the new financial year.

When combining the £175 million increase in investment in reform, with an increase of £179 million in baseline funding for NHS Boards, the total additional funding for frontline NHS Boards will amount to £354 million (3.7 per cent) in 2018-19.

Pay Policy

The Scottish Government has set out its 2018-19 pay policy, which recommends a 3% pay increase for public sector workers earning £30,000 or less and a cap of 2% on the increase in the pay bill for staff earning more than £30,000. In addition, there will be a cap on the pay increase for highest paid, with a maximum cash increase of £1,600 for those earning above £80,000.

The pay settlement for NHS staff will of course be subject to the NHS pay reviews process as in previous years.

Core Areas of Investment

Transformational Change

The transformational change fund of £126 million will provide support to the regional delivery plans for implementation of new service delivery models, improved elective performance and investment in our digital capability.

Mental Health

Through our new Mental Health Strategy, we are shifting the balance of care towards mental health, increasing the level of investment in mental health services and improving support in the crucial period from birth to young adulthood. To support this, in 2018-19 a further £17 million will be invested, which will go towards the commitment to increase the workforce by an extra 800 workers over the next 5 years; and for transformation in CAMHS. In order to maximise the contribution from this direct investment, this funding is provided on the basis that it is in addition to a real terms increase in existing 2017-18 spending levels by NHS Boards and Integration Authorities. As a result therefore, it is expected that NHS Boards and Integration Authorities ensure that total spending on mental health and CAMHS services in 2018-19 will increase as a minimum by £17 million above inflation. Directions regarding the use of £17 million will be issued in year.

Primary Care

Investment in the Primary Care Fund will rise to £110 million in 2018-19. This will support the transformation of primary care by enabling the expansion of multidisciplinary teams for improved

patient care, and a strengthened and clarified role for GPs as expert medical generalists and clinical leaders in the community.

Social Care

As in 2017-18, Territorial NHS Boards are required to transfer £350 million from baseline budgets to Integration Authorities to support social care. A further £5 million will be allocated in 2018-19 on a recurring basis to Boards to be transferred to Integration Authorities in relation to war pensions and guaranteed income payments.

As part of the settlement for Local Government, £66 million has been provided to Local Authorities recognising a range of pressures in relation to Social Care. This funding will be allocated directly to Local Authorities from the Scottish Government and will not pass through NHS Board baselines.

NHS Boards should ensure that 2018-19 budget settlements for Integration Authorities are in place in advance of the new financial year.

Alcohol and Drug Partnerships

In 2018 a refreshed alcohol framework will be in place which will continue to take on Scotland's often problematic relationship with alcohol misuse. This renewed focus on alcohol and drugs will be backed by additional investment of £20 million in treatment and support services and further detail will be provided on this before the start of the financial year. This funding is not included in Board baseline budgets and is in addition to the £53.8 million that was allocated to Board baselines in 2017-18. Our expectation is that following the budget we will, as last year, write outlining the allocation by Board area and associated Ministerial expectations.

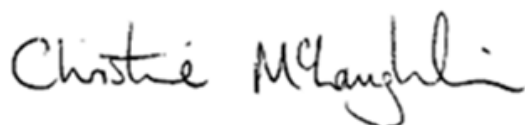
Capital Funding

We will continue to prioritise funding for existing commitments and Boards should assume an unchanged initial capital formula allocation.

Annual Plan

We will shortly set out the requirements for an annual plan, which will replace the previous Local Delivery Planning process and will link into the Regional and National Delivery Plans. This will set out a number of principles to be delivered in relation to finance and wider performance.

Yours sincerely



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Annex

2018-19 Draft Budget Funding Allocations

	2017-18 Budget Bill	Recurring Allocation Adjustments	Total 2017-18 Allocation	Uplifts	Total 2018-19 Allocation	Distance from NRAC parity
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	%
Territorial Boards						
Ayrshire and Arran	683.6	-0.3	683.3	11.6	694.9	(0.8%)
Borders	197.7	-0.1	197.6	3.0	200.6	1.1%
Dumfries and Galloway	284.9	-0.1	284.8	4.3	289.1	2.8%
Fife	624.7	-0.2	624.5	12.1	636.6	(0.8%)
Forth Valley	496.7	-0.1	496.6	10.3	506.8	(0.8%)
Grampian	902.4	-0.2	902.1	18.5	920.6	(0.8%)
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	2,123.5	-0.9	2,122.6	31.8	2,154.5	1.8%
Highland	592.6	-0.2	592.4	12.0	604.3	(0.8%)
Lanarkshire	1,135.9	-0.4	1,135.5	20.7	1,156.1	(0.8%)
Lothian	1,356.0	-0.6	1,355.4	29.0	1,384.3	(0.8%)
Orkney	46.7	0.3	47.0	0.7	47.7	(0.4%)
Shetland	47.5	0.4	47.9	0.7	48.7	(0.4%)
Tayside	721.3	-0.2	721.1	13.7	734.8	(0.8%)
Western Isles	71.6	0.3	72.0	1.1	73.0	11.3%
Total	9,285.1	-2.3	9,282.8	169.4	9,452.0	
Special Boards						
National Waiting Times Centre Board	51.9	1.5	53.4	0.5	54.0	
Scottish Ambulance Service	229.3	0.0	229.3	8.6	237.9	
NHS National Services Scotland	324.7	3.5	328.2	0.0	328.2	
Healthcare Improvement Scotland	24.7	0.1	24.7	0.0	24.7	
The State Hospital	34.4	0.0	34.4	0.3	34.8	
NHS 24	65.2	0.4	65.6	0.7	66.3	
NHS Education for Scotland	420.0	0.0	420.0	0.0	420.0	
NHS Health Scotland	18.4	0.0	18.4	0.0	18.4	
Total	1,168.6	5.5	1,174.1	10.1	1,184.3	
TOTAL	10,453.7	3.2	10456.9	179.5	10,636.3	
Investment in Reform				175.0		
Total additional funding for frontline Boards				354.5		