

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2223/162

**Subject:** Mental Health Investment

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold some of the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. NHS England’s director of mental health Claire Murdoch has promised that the commitment to investing £2.3bn of extra spending by 2023-24 is ‘absolute’. How much of the extra £2.3b will be allocated to your ICS in 2023/24?</p>	<p>In 2023/24 the ICB (Integrated Care Board) expects to receive Mental Health Investment Standard (MHIS) growth of 7.1%, and targeted Strategic Development Funds for Mental Health spend. We anticipate these allocations shortly. The oversight and monitoring of these funds is done by NHS England (NHSE), not by the ICB.</p>
<p>2. What are the specific criteria the ICS will use to allocate/apportion the additional funds?</p>	<p>The ICB is committed to meeting the MHIS in 2023/24, similar to previous years. NHSE has advised that Mental Health allocations for 2023/24 need to be uplifted by the ICB overall uplift +1.7%. The ICB will apply this NHSE mandated criteria for the additional allocations.</p>
<p>3. Is there money being allocated for new initiatives to improve mental health services rather than just extra investment in existing services such as new digital solutions/products??</p>	<p>The ICB will look at investments via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business case submissions</li> <li>- Locality placed based commissioning decisions</li> <li>- Initiatives that will work inline with the ICB LTP targets</li> <li>- Community Mental Health Framework</li> </ul> <p>These will be reviewed in line with system partners</p>

<p>4. What is/are the full name/s of the person/people who is/are overall responsible for making decisions on how funds will be allocated? What are their full contact details?</p>	<p>ICB via internal Governance Structures will work with system partners to ensure decisions will meet the needs of local population.</p>
<p>5. Will the additional funds be allocated/apportioned to Place Based Organisations or Primary care Networks?</p>	<p>This will be reviewed at the time that the monies are allocated to the ICB and taken through the financial distribution processes.</p>
<p>6. What outcomes are the ICS hoping to achieve from the additional investment and which person is overall responsible for monitoring the service improvements?</p>	<p>The ICBs overall aim with any additional investment is to ensure we improve the outcomes for the population of BNSSG (Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) by improving access, treatment and waiting times to Mental Health Services.</p> <p>The finer detail of outcomes will be developed in line with the ICBs development and planning rounds which are currently in progress.</p>

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 31 January 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***