

I am extremely disappointed with the proposed spending on mental health resulting from the draft budget. Mental health problems are widespread and this lack of investment will have an adverse impact on the health of our whole community.

The Bamford Review of Mental Health & Learning Disability highlighted serious gaps in current services and developed realistic plans to bring our services up to the same standard as those in the rest of the UK over the next 15 years. Without the proper level of funding this process will take even longer.

I urge the Government to invest the amount requested by the Bamford Review to fully implement its recommendations in their entirety.

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