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*Helen Norman Luciana*  
Dear Ms ~~Whately~~, Mr ~~Lamb~~ and Ms ~~Berger~~,

Thank you for your letter of 29 November regarding investment in mental health services.

NHS England's Board discussed this matter at its meeting on 30 November. I attach the relevant board paper. The Board endorsed the recommendations contained in the paper and confirmed that we should seek to ensure that the National Mental Health Investment Standard is met in 2018/19 and that the service expansions detailed in the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health continue to be delivered.

I trust this will reassure you that we are continuing to prioritise mental health despite the challenging financial environment in which we are operating. We are committed to making further improvements in mental health services over the year ahead.

Yours sincerely *Simon Stevens*

**Simon Stevens**  
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