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In Plenary on 27<sup>th</sup> February I undertook to write to you with information about the allocation to the mental health budget for 2008-09. The mental health revenue budget for the current year is £10.982m. It is set to increase significantly in future years, to £14.716m, £17.665m and £20.765m respectively for the next three years.

As you noted, the allocation for next year was reduced at final budget stage by £1.1m. This change reflected the decision by Ministers in both Wales and England to commence provisions of the Mental Health Act 2007 later than originally envisaged. The Act received Royal Assent in July 2007 and it was originally planned to commence its provisions in April 2008. The revised commencement date of October 2008 for most of the provisions allows more time to prepare for implementation. The money was transferred to assist with other priority pressures within the Health portfolio.

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**OAQ(3)0239 (FPS) follow up action**

In plenary on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008 Jenny Randerson AM asked, as a supplementary question to the above OAQ, why the budget allocation for mental health for 2008-09 was reduced by £1m in the final budget (in fact it was by £1.1m). You undertook to write to her with the information. A suggested draft letter is attached.