

# Briefing

## Mental health and addiction uncommitted funding decisions

<b>Date due to MO:</b> 13 June 2024	<b>Action required by:</b> 24 June 2024
<b>Security level:</b> IN CONFIDENCE	<b>Ministry number:</b> H2024044383
	<b>Health NZ number:</b> HNZ00051267
<b>To:</b> Hon Matt Doocoy, Minister for Mental Health	

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### Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved             | <input type="checkbox"/> Decline   | <input type="checkbox"/> Noted               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Needs change         | <input type="checkbox"/> Seen      | <input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |  |

Comment:

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## Purpose of report

1. The attached A3 responds to your office's request for a decision document that brings together previous advice on the potential use of uncommitted Budget 2019 and Budget 2022 mental health and addiction funding.

## Summary

2. There is uncommitted funding from Budget 2019 and Budget 2022 initiatives as follows:

Uncommitted funding available (\$m)	24/25	25/26	26/27 & outyears
Budget 2019	2.79	2.51	2.79
Budget 2022: Specialist services	7.27	23.27	23.27
Budget 2022: Alcohol and other drug treatment courts	0.35	0.35	0.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.41</b>	<b>26.13</b>	<b>26.41</b>

3. The attached A3 provides further detail about the funding available, as well as options previously discussed with you to use some of this funding for initiatives aligned with your priorities. We have included information about the trade-offs related to initiatives and phasing, including identifying immediate initiatives or announcements and those that require a longer lead-in time, to support your decisions.
4. Because we are still within the four-year forecast period for Budget 2022, there is an expectation this funding is used in line with the original policy intent (ie, specialist mental health and addiction services or alcohol and other drug treatment courts (AODTCs)). Prioritising this funding outside of the policy intent may trigger the need for discussion with the Ministers of Health and Finance. Initiating substantively new policy initiatives would require Cabinet approval, which officials can support you with.
5. There is some urgency for decisions in relation to use of 2024/25 funding in order for Health New Zealand not to accrue an underspend next financial year. We are seeking your decisions in relation to this funding by 24 June 2024, if possible.

## Recommendations

We recommend you:

- a) **indicate** your preferred use of uncommitted Budget 2019 and Budget 2022 mental health and addiction funding in the attached A3 **Yes/No**
- b) **Note** that officials are available to discuss the options presented to support your decision-making. **Noted**



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