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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 12 May 2023 for information regarding Mental Health funding. You requested:

- 1. The total amount of funding that has been allocated to mental health by the in each of the past five years.*

In the past five years funding allocated to mental health and addiction was broadly allocated across two categories:

- funding devolved to district health boards (DHBs) with expectations about the quantum of investment in mental health and addiction services set through the mental health and addiction ringfence (see Table 1)
- nationally held funding, which primarily sat across two appropriations, the National Mental Health Services Appropriation and the Problem Gambling Services Appropriation (see Table 2).

For the total former DHB ringfence expenditure, it was up to individual DHBs to decide where to spend this funding across mental health and addiction services, but the Government expected it to be targeted at areas of most need and a DHB could not spend less than the previous year on mental health and addiction.

Table 1. Total DHB ringfence expenditure for the previous 5 financial years.

Total DHB planned expenditure by financial year \$000s				
2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
1,423,342	1,476,287	1,561,495	1,663,074	1,747,169

Source: DHB District Annual Plan mental health templates

Table 2. Nationally held mental health and addiction appropriations budgets for the previous 5 financial years.

Mental Health Services	Nationally held budget by financial year \$000s				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
National Mental Health Services Appropriation	62,183	68,094	141,296	207,782	243,170
Problem Gambling Services Appropriation	17,521	20,941	18,698	20,609	19,595

Source: Vote Health Estimates of Appropriations documents for the relevant years

2. The total amount of money that has been spent on mental health services in the last five years.

3. A breakdown of how the money has been spent, by service type. E.G. Research & Development, prevention and early intervention services.

Table 3 provides actual expenditure identified in the Ministry's contract and financial systems with a mental health or addiction service-related code (including suicide prevention and problem gambling services). This expenditure is broken down by service type. There are overlaps between the types of expenditure which means they do not add up to the 'Total annual service expenditure'. The 'Total annual service expenditure' amounts may also differ from the allocated funding amounts (ie, the amounts in Tables 1 and 2) as a result of underspends and ministerial approved funding transfers between financial years. Additionally, as Access & Choice Service Delivery and COVID-19 psychosocial response services did not commence until the 2019/20 financial year, their expenditure figures are not reflected in the years prior.

Table 3. Mental health and addiction expenditure for the previous 5 financial years.

Type of Expenditure	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total annual service expenditure (\$)	\$1.47b	\$1.53b	\$1.69b	\$1.82b	\$1.95b
DHB delivered services	\$1.01b	\$1.05b	\$1.12b	\$1.19b	\$1.21b
NGO services (excluding primary)	\$428m	\$445m	\$512m	\$513m	\$603m
Primary mental health services (including expanding access and choice of primary MHA support)	\$33m	\$36m	\$60m	\$102m	\$141m
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Access & Choice Service Delivery	N/A	N/A	\$19.8m	\$62.67m	\$100.13m
COVID-19 psychosocial response services	N/A	N/A	\$9m	\$10m	\$6.58m
Adult mental health services	\$1.2b	\$1.3b	\$1.4b	\$1.5b	\$1.7b
Kaupapa Māori services	\$151m	\$151m	\$190m	\$203m	\$212m
Pacific services	\$14m	\$15m	\$21m	\$28m	\$28m
Addiction services	\$161m	\$162m	\$183m	\$186m	\$211m
Infant, child, and youth services	\$183m	\$194m	\$212m	\$215m	\$228m
Older adult services	\$53m	\$54m	\$55m	\$56m	\$57m
Forensic services	\$133m	\$143m	\$155m	\$161m	\$172m
NGO services	\$457m	\$477m	\$563m	\$602m	\$639m
Peer support services	\$32m	\$34m	\$38m	\$40m	\$47m
Eating disorders	\$15m	\$15m	\$16m	\$15m	\$16m
Maternal mental health	\$22m	\$22m	\$22m	\$22m	\$25m

Source: Manatū Hauora funding data

Please note that the tables outline expenditure prior to the health system reforms on July 2022, and reflect the allocated expenditure prior to the start of a financial year. We understand you made an identical request to Te Whatu Ora, who will be able to supply information related to your request post July 2022.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on oiagr@health.govt.nz.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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