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Actions for the Minister's Office Staff

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To: Hon Dr David Clark, Minister of Health

Purpose

This memorandum provides an overview of Vote Health Budget 2019 mental wellbeing initiatives submitted through the Budget 2019 process, and attaches a set of A3s showing the proposed cross-sector mental wellbeing package.

Budget 2019 mental wellbeing package

1. The deadline for submission of Budget 2019 mental wellbeing initiatives to Treasury was extended to Friday 18 January 2019 to enable cross-agency collaboration and ensure alignment with the strategic direction recommended by the Inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction (the Inquiry).
2. Following the release of the Inquiry report, Ministry of Health officials adjusted the proposed Vote Health mental wellbeing initiatives to strengthen alignment with the report's recommendations. Officials from across agencies also engaged to better understand and coordinate Budget 2019 investment in mental wellbeing across sectors.
3. Adjustments to Vote Health initiatives following the release of the Inquiry report and cross-sector engagement included:
 - a. packaging initiatives to expand access and choice of primary and community mental health and addiction responses, s 9(2)(f)(iv)
 - b. adding components to enhance kaupapa Māori services, s 9(2)(f)(iv) and provide additional digital and telehealth service options.
4. The attached set of A3s set out:
 - a. a proposed strategic narrative for Budget 2019 investment in mental wellbeing, including the objectives of a cross-sector mental wellbeing package and Vote Health's contribution
 - b. the balance of cross-sector investment across the Inquiry themes, the continuum of care and the life course
 - c. an overview of Vote Health mental wellbeing initiatives.
5. Detailed bids for the initiatives outlined in the attached A3s were submitted to the Treasury on Friday 18 January 2019.

Next steps

6. The initiatives submitted to the Treasury are subject to the Budget assessment and decision-making process. Officials will provide you with further advice about the wider Vote Health Budget 2019 package, including a revised letter to the Minister of Finance reflecting the proposed mental wellbeing investment, in the week of 28 January 2019.
7. The Social Wellbeing Board will meet to discuss Budget 2019 investment proposed under both the mental wellbeing and child wellbeing priorities on 21 February 2019, with a particular focus on providing advice to Ministers to support the prioritisation of initiatives within each priority.

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8. Officials are available to provide further information to support your discussions with the Minister of Finance and other Ministerial colleagues throughout the Budget process, including on prioritisation and scaling options for the Vote Health mental wellbeing initiatives.

Proactive Release

9. The Ministry intends withholding this memo from publication under its proactive release policy due to Budget sensitivity.

Recommendations

The Ministry recommends that you:

This report is for your information only and does not request any decisions.



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