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Tēnā koe Kurt

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 7 August 2021 for:

*“Please provide all relevant information around the 1.9 billion dollars earmarked for Mental Health NZ. Including, money spent on paid consultants.”*

The Ministry has interpreted your request as relating to a breakdown of the spend related to mental wellbeing initiatives that were funded as part of Budget 2019.

As you may be aware, the \$1.9 billion Budget 2019 mental wellbeing package allocated funding across several Votes for initiatives being delivered by several government agencies. The Ministry partially transferred your request to the agencies outlined in Appendix 1, in accordance with section 14 of the Act. You can expect a response from these agencies in due course.

The Ministry of Education did not accept a partial transfer of your request but have provided the following publicly available information: [www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/our-work/information-releases/responses-to-Official-Information-Act-requests/OIA-1256066-spend-of-Mental-Health-initiatives.pdf](http://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/our-work/information-releases/responses-to-Official-Information-Act-requests/OIA-1256066-spend-of-Mental-Health-initiatives.pdf)

For each Vote Health mental wellbeing initiative from Budget 2019, Appendix 2 sets out the following:

- *funding allocated*: annual and total funding appropriated through Budget 2019 to spend on the initiative;
- *funding committed*: funding that the Ministry has agreed to pay providers for the delivery of services via a signed contract or agreement; and
- *funding spent*: funding that the Ministry has distributed to providers to date based on the agreed payment schedules.

Please note that the level of spend in 2021/22 represents the phasing of payment schedules in contracts and reflects that we have just started a new financial year. There are a number of procurement processes planned, underway or recently completed, which will see additional funding committed and spent.

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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](mailto: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 Ministry website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



Philip Grady  
**Acting Deputy Director-General**  
**Mental Health and Addiction**

Appendix 1: Agencies the Ministry partially transferred your request to

- Ara Poutama Aotearoa – Department of Corrections
- Department of Internal Affairs
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Social Development
- New Zealand Defence Force

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## Appendix 2

## Overview of Vote Health Budget 2019 mental health and addiction initiatives

Up to 31 July 2021

Initiative	Description	Funding allocated (\$m)					Funding committed as at 31 July 2021 (\$m)					Funding spent as at 31 July 2021 (\$m)				
		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	Total	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total
<b>Budget 2019 - Expanding access and choice of primary mental health and addiction support</b>		<b>48.138</b>	<b>97.217</b>	<b>133.630</b>	<b>176.089</b>	<b>455.074</b>	<b>26.209</b>	<b>81.015</b>	<b>106.014</b>	<b>113.646</b>	<b>326.883</b>	<b>26.209</b>	<b>81.015</b>	<b>5.026</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>112.249</b>
Service delivery	Service delivery in a range of settings including general practices and kaupapa Māori, Pacific and youth-specific settings	25.000	70.781	101.250	141.875	338.906	14.105	62.665	86.811	100.311	263.892	14.105	62.665	4.055	-	80.825
Workforce development	Workforce development investment to grow and upskill existing workforces and develop new workforces	13.888	18.186	22.330	22.664	77.067	9.593	12.387	9.716	10.725	42.422	9.593	12.387	0.302	-	22.282
Enablers	Enablers funding including for engagement and collaborative design, implementation support and Ministry of Health capacity and capability	9.250	8.250	10.050	11.550	39.100	2.511	5.962	9.487	2.609	20.569	2.511	5.962	0.669	-	9.142
<b>Budget 2019 - Other primary and community mental health and addiction initiatives</b>																
Expanding telehealth and digital supports for mental wellbeing	Increasing people's access to mental health and addiction support over the phone and online through an expansion of telehealth and digital supports	5.200	5.200	5.200	5.200	20.800	2.200	2.998	2.200	2.200	9.598	2.200	2.998	-	-	5.198
Well Child Tamariki Ora Enhanced Support Pilot	Pilots in Lakes, Counties Manukau and Hauora Tairāwhiti District Health Boards (DHBs) to develop, test and evaluate enhanced support for parents and whānau who have mental health and addiction needs during pregnancy, the first two years of a child's life or following a stillbirth	0.550	3.100	3.100	3.250	10.000	0.200	1.425	2.633	2.594	6.851	0.200	1.425	0.498	-	2.123
Promoting wellbeing in primary and intermediate schools	Making resilience-building resources available to primary and intermediate schools and teachers across the country.  Note: This initiative was put on hold as joint work between Ministries of Health and Education was delayed due to COVID-19 and the changes in alert levels that resulted in children being schooled at home. As an alternative to the school-based programme, the Ministry of Health invested funding from the \$15 million package to support the psychosocial response to COVID-19 in the Sparklers at Home toolkit, which helps parents and whānau support the wellbeing of primary and intermediate school-aged children at home, including supporting discussions about COVID-19. The Ministries of Health and Education are working together to ensure mental wellbeing supports and resources are aligned to the New Zealand Curriculum and can be accessed through schools, with an additional focus on tailoring support for the post-COVID-19 environment.	1.000	0.400	0.400	0.400	2.200	0.000	0.285	0.000	0.000	0.285	0.000	0.285	-	-	0.285
Expanding and enhancing School Based Health Services (SBHS)	Enhancing SBHS (nurses in schools) in decile 1-4 schools and expanding to decile 5 schools	5.232	4.771	4.871	4.726	19.600	4.082	4.369	4.294	4.165	16.910	4.082	4.369	-	-	8.451
Support for Christchurch: Continuation of Funding for Primary Care and Community-Based Mental Health Workers	Continuation of the time-limited support established following the earthquakes to provide ongoing support for the 15 March 2019 terror attacks	5.480	-	-	-	5.480	5.480	-	-	-	5.480	5.480	-	-	-	5.480
<b>Budget 2019 - Specialist, forensic and crisis mental health and addiction initiatives</b>																
District health board mental health and addiction ringfence	Uplift to DHB funding ringfenced for specialist mental health and addiction services	53.272	53.272	53.272	53.272	213.088	53.272	53.272	53.272	53.272	213.088	53.272	53.272	4.439	-	110.983
Forensic mental health services for adults	Enhancing forensic services for adults, including additional full-time equivalent (FTE) and training courses and wrap-around support for staff	1.770	3.430	4.410	5.390	15.000	1.770	3.114	2.857	3.007	10.747	1.770	3.114	-	-	4.884
Forensic mental health services for young people	Enhancing forensic services for young people, including additional FTE and training courses and wrap-around support for staff	2.420	3.960	5.470	7.150	19.000	2.450	3.750	5.260	6.700	18.160	2.450	3.750	-	-	6.200
Improving support for people experiencing a mental health crisis	Enhancing crisis response services across all 20 DHBs with a focus on emergency departments and community alternatives	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	8.000	2.000	1.370	1.958	1.958	7.286	2.000	1.370	-	-	3.370

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<b>Budget 2019 - Addiction initiatives</b>																
Enhancing primary addiction responses	Expanding the range of primary support available to people with mild to moderate alcohol and other drug (AOD) issues	2.000	3.000	4.000	5.000	14.000	0.302	2.327	3.352	1.860	7.841	0.302	2.327	-	-	2.628
Enhancing the quality and capacity of specialist AOD services	Improving the sustainability of AOD services, with a focus on residential care, managed withdrawal (detox) and continuing care	10.500	10.500	10.500	10.500	42.000	9.439	9.439	9.439	8.000	36.316	9.439	9.439	0.120	-	18.998
Te Ara Oranga – continuing the methamphetamine harm reduction programme in Northland	Continuing the successful joint initiative between Northland DHB and Police to reduce harm from methamphetamine	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	4.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-	3.000	1.000	1.000	-	-	2.000
Intensive parenting support – Expanding the Pregnancy and Parenting Service (PPS)	Expanding PPS, an intensive outreach service for parents experiencing problems with AOD, to two additional sites (Bay of Plenty DHB and Whanganui DHB)	1.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	7.000	0.800	2.156	2.156	2.000	7.112	0.800	2.156	-	-	2.956
<b>Budget 2019 - Suicide prevention</b>																
Preventing suicide and supporting people bereaved by suicide	Expanding and improving suicide prevention efforts and improving responses to the needs of people bereaved by suicide	10.100	10.000	9.950	9.950	40.000	6.499	6.333	6.263	4.700	23.794	6.499	6.333	0.116	-	12.948
<b>Budget 2019 - Establishing a new Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission</b>																
Establishing a new Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission	Funding to establish the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission. An Initial Commission was established under section 11 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and operated between November 2019 and February 2021. The Permanent Commission began operating as an independent Crown entity on 9 February 2021.	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	8.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	8.000	2.000	2.000	0.167	-	4.167
<b>Total: Budget 2019 initiatives (excluding capital)</b>		<b>151.662</b>	<b>201.850</b>	<b>241.803</b>	<b>287.927</b>	<b>883.242</b>	<b>117.702</b>	<b>174.852</b>	<b>202.697</b>	<b>206.101</b>	<b>701.352</b>	<b>117.702</b>	<b>174.852</b>	<b>10.366</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>302.920</b>
Capital investment in mental health and addiction facilities	Funding for five projects to upgrade current mental health and addiction facilities and add capacity by building new facilities. The five projects are in Waikato DHB, MidCentral DHB, Tairāwhiti DHB, Waitematā DHB and Lakes DHB.  Note: For 'funding spent', capital funding is drawn down from the Ministry by DHBs after the cost has been incurred. In some instances, there is a delay between when funding is approved, when the cost is incurred by a DHB and when draw downs commence. DHBs decide when they wish to draw down funds from the Ministry to reimburse them for costs incurred. As at the end of July 2021, \$0.541 million in equity has been drawn down from the Ministry for two projects.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	235.000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	233.800	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	0.541

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