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CC:
Primary Care Trust Chief Executives
Primary Care & Mental Health Trust MH Provider Directors of Finance
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Dear Colleague

Finance Mapping of Adult and Older Adult Mental Health 2009/10

I am pleased to inform you that the Finance Mapping exercise is now in a position to begin following ministerial and the Review of Central Returns Committee (ROCR) approval for this years exercise.

The finance mapping provide detailed and comprehensive picture on mental health spending. The information continues to improve our understanding around allocation and spend in mental health services and it facilitates the planning by the Department of Health and helps to inform locally on commissioning of services. Key customers for the data include our minister for briefing purposes and Louis Appleby.

This year's approach to finance mapping is similar to last year, covering both adult and older adult requirements.

We consulted with users on the usefulness and application of the data collected. As a result, changes have been made on the outputs from the exercise. PCT

level time series data will be available to all services to improve understanding of spending over the years locally and comparisons between PCTs. A key advantage of this survey is the timeliness of the data. 2009/10 figures should become available in spring 2010.

There is a minor change in the service types being collected which now include Improving Access to Psychological Therapies; the service breakdown is as below:

- IAPT Employment Support
- IAPT Low Intensity Therapy
- IAPT High Intensity Therapy

The finance mapping exercise begins today with immediate effect (4th **December**) by Mental Health Strategies, the closing date for data collection will be **Monday 8th February 2010**. Completed data needs to be returned electronically to Mental Health Strategies at Finmap@mentalhealthstrategies.co.uk **no later than 8th February 2010**.

The Guidance Notes and the Excel returns can be downloaded from www.mentalhealthstrategies.co.uk/go/autumnreview

The data received from the finance mapping exercise will not be possible without the dedicated contributions from LITs, Providers and Commissioning organisations in both NHS and Local Authorities. We appreciate your efforts and co-operation which is vital for this finance mapping exercise.

Can I thank you in advance for all the hard work that will be going into this exercise over the coming months.

Yours sincerely

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