18 April 2018

Dear Cabinet Secretary

Budget Scrutiny

Thank you for your letter dated 8 February 2018 which provided confirmation of the further financial information you would be providing to the Health and Sport Committee to inform its budget scrutiny work.

Your letter explained that this would include a consolidated report containing financial information from integration authorities, including information on spends in mental health and by Alcohol and Drugs Partnerships. Your letter stated the consolidated report would be available at the end of March.

Our oral evidence sessions on pre-budget scrutiny begin in May and we are keen to receive the consolidated report from integration authorities in advance of these sessions to inform our evidence taking. I would therefore be grateful if you could advise when the Committee can expect to receive the consolidated report.

Your letter detailed that in April 2018 the Minister for Mental Health would provide an update on progress on delivery of the Scottish Government commitment to provide 800 additional mental health works between 2018 and 2021-22. It would be helpful to also receive this update in advance of our oral evidence sessions.

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Your letter also said that you would write to the Committee when you were making NHS boards aware of their individual allocations for the ADPs and any associated Ministerial expectations. It would be helpful if you were able to provide an indication of when this information is likely to be available.

Yours sincerely

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