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Dear Mr Thomas,

Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2021-22

Thank you for your letter of 17 February 2021, regarding the Finance Committee's report on the Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2021-22.

The Committee shares your view on the importance of having well-funded mental health services, especially with the increased levels of mental ill health linked to the pandemic. The Committee were concerned by the evidence presented during draft budget scrutiny which identified the detrimental impact the pandemic has had on mental health and recognises that funding must be allocated specifically to support mental health services.

Whilst the Committee firmly believe that there must be investment in preventive measures, which support mental health services and contribute to improved mental health across Wales, the Committee did not take a view on how funding should be allocated in terms of meeting recommendation 14. However, Members would hope that any preventative measures would not be at the expense of the funding for frontline mental health services.

Yours sincerely,





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