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TO:
Local Implementation Team Leads
Directors of Social Services
Mental Health Provider Chief Executives
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CC:
Primary Care Trust Chief Executives
Primary Care & Mental Health Trust MH Provider Directors of Finance
Strategic Health Authority Mental Health contacts

Dear Colleague

**2011/12 National Survey of Investment in Mental Health Services
(Finance Mapping Exercise)**

I am pleased to inform you that the Finance Mapping exercise (voluntary collection) will be launched by Mental Health Strategies on 1st February. The process will be the same as last year, covering both adult and older adult requirements. You will wish to submit completed data **no later than 23 March 2012**. It is the responsibility of the Local Implementation Team (LIT) leads to co-ordinate, collect, review and return all data to Mental Health Strategies.

The Guidance Notes and the Excel returns can be downloaded from <http://www.mentalhealthstrategies.co.uk/finmap/> Please note, an overview of responsibilities can be found under section 3.2. Detailed responsibilities required from Local Implementation Leads, Providers and Commissioners are explained under section 5, 6 and 7 respectively. Please contact Tony Ingham at the Mental Health Strategies Office in the first instance for queries on 0161 785 1001.

The published data can be found on Department of Health website at

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_117488 The timescale for 2011/12 publication is to make available local reports at the end of May; and the national reports will be published in June.

We appreciate your efforts and co-operation, which is vital for this finance mapping exercise. The finance mapping provide detailed and comprehensive picture on mental health spending. The information continues to improve our understanding of commitment and spend in mental health services. The PCT level data published (link as above) has also proved very useful for benchmarking purpose.

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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