

Mental Health Investment Standard

The NHS England and NHS Improvement planning guidance¹ for 2018/19 stated that each Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) must meet the Mental Health Investment Standard² (MHIS) by which their 2018/19 investment in mental health rises at a faster rate than their overall published programme funding.

As the Accountable Officer of North Staffordshire CCG, I am responsible for the preparation of the Mental Health Investment Standard Compliance Statement (the "Statement") for the year ended 31 March 2019 and for the financial information that forms the basis of the calculation on which the Statement is derived.

This includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation of the Statement to ensure that mental health expenditure is correctly classified and included in the calculations and that the Statement is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

To the best of my knowledge and belief I have properly discharged my responsibilities, with regard to reporting against the Mental Health Investment Standard.

North Staffordshire CCG considers that it has complied with the requirements of the mental health investment standard for 2018/19.



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¹ Joint NHS England/NHS Improvement guidance setting out the expectations for commissioners and providers in updating their operational plans for 2018/19. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/refreshing-nhs-plans-for-2018-19/>

² The NHS Long Term Plan makes a renewed commitment to grow investment in mental health services faster than the NHS budget overall for each of the next five years. <https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/nhs-long-term-plan-version-1.2.pdf>