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*Jew Confront,*

**RE: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH.**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the provision of mental health services for children and young people; your comments upon which I have read with great interest.

It is incredibly important to protect and support the health of children and young people in our society. In recent years we have made huge progress in better understanding mental health issues, and I support efforts to transform children and young people's mental health for the better.

Approximately 10 percent of 5 to 16 year olds have a clinically diagnosable mental health problem. Between 2015 and 2020, an additional £1.4 billion is being invested to transform children and young people's mental health, aiming to help an additional 70,000 children and young people to access NHS specialist services a year by 2020/21.

*The Children and Young People's Mental Health Green Paper* sets out ambitious proposals to improve mental health services for children and young people, together with over £300 million of funding. This will incentivise and support schools and colleges to train designated leaders for their pupils' mental health, and introduce new mental health teams, both of which will ease pressure on NHS mental health services.

The *NHS Long Term Plan* makes a commitment to offering children and young people the best start in life. As part of this, there is an additional commitment to deliver on the promises made in the *Five Year Forward View for Mental Health* so that 70,000 more children and young people will access treatment each year by 2020/21. Moreover, by 2023/2024, at least an additional 345,000 children and young people aged 0-25 will be able to access support via NHS funded mental health services and school or college-based Mental Health Support Teams.

In addition, the NHS is on track to deliver new waiting time standards for eating disorder services by 2020/21. Four fifths of children and young people with an eating disorder now receive treatment within one week in urgent cases and four weeks in non-urgent cases. Extra investment will enable maintained delivery of the 95 percent standard beyond 2020/21.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*With best wishes,*

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