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Dear Constituent,

RE: MENTAL HEALTH TASKFORCE REPORT.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the *Mental Health Taskforce Report*.

The Prime Minister has recently announced a new approach to mental health based on recommendations from the Taskforce. Thousands of people with mental health conditions will be supported to find, or return to work, meaning they have the opportunity to get on in life. I agree that for too long, there has not been enough focus on mental health care in this country, and I know that the Government plans to deliver true equality between mental and physical health for the first time.

The Government is providing an extra £1 billion a year for mental health care to make sure it gets the attention it needs. This will support one million more people with mental health problems to access the high quality care that they are not getting today.

Action will be taken to treat potentially debilitating mental health conditions early on through improved access to care. The Prime Minister has also met with business leaders to highlight the need for a shift in attitude to people with mental health conditions in the workplace, and to agree new workplace standards.

I am pleased that the Government is implementing the first-ever mental health access and waiting time standards. This means 75 percent of people referred for talking therapies to treat common mental health problems, such as depression and anxiety, will start their treatment within 6 weeks, and 95 percent within 18 weeks. Patients experiencing psychosis for the first time must be treated within two weeks.

I support the Government's vision of a 7-day mental health service where people will get the care they need, when they need it, and where help will be provided to prevent mental illness developing in the first place.

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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