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Mental Health Funding - context

- Mental Health Investment Standard
- Access to NHS Winter Pressures money
- *Long-term funding settlement for NHS* – Prime Minister
- Institute for Fiscal Studies & Health Foundation - NHS Confederation

Workforce

Government's commitments

- 21,000 extra mental health posts by 2020
- 25% increase in nurse training places
- Tripling in number of nursing associates

Current context

- 13% reduction in mental health nurses between 2013 and 2017
- 10% of mental health posts are vacant
- Little change in the number of psychiatrists
- A notable growth in the psychological therapy workforce (IAPT)

Review of the Mental Health Act 1983

- Increasing numbers of detentions
- Disproportionate use of the Act on parts of BME community
- Interim report out any day – final report November 2018

Transformation

- 17 pilot sites to test new ways of delivering specialist mental health services
- Focus on reducing out-of-area placements and providing care closer to home
- Over £650m in specialised commissioning budget transferred to local areas – more to come