

Dear

Thank you for responding to my communication regarding accountability in the HSE mental health financing.

In the HSE's correspondence of [**X Date**] it stated that the HSE has 'developed a mental health information system, WISDOM, currently under pilot in the Donegal Local Mental Health Service'. It further stated that this will support the 'requirements for a national mental health information system'.

While this information system is to be welcomed for the increased data that will be available on patient use of services, this does not address the key question of financial transparency and the HSE's responsibilities in this regard. It will not provide the information required to monitor budgets and staffing, or crucially the effectiveness of services.

As recommended by the Indecon report, commissioned by Amnesty International Ireland, systems must also be developed immediately to regularly monitor budgets, expenditure and human resource allocation. The effectiveness of services must also be monitored through performance indicators to ensure value for money and progress toward *A Vision for Change*.

I would like to know what the HSE proposes to do in response to these issues specifically.

Kind Regards