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Dear Jane,

At a recent meeting of our City Council on the 14 June 2021, a Motion on Notice was approved on Mental Health Services.

The substance of the Motion was the provision and funding of Mental Services within Plymouth. The concerns raised awareness of excess waiting times for both Adults and Children accessing services. In addition, it highlighted that Plymouth receives less per capita funding for Mental Health Services than the rest of Devon.

We appreciate that some significant work is already underway in this area most of which will be led going forward by the Plymouth Local Care Partnership. Examples include the roll out of Crisis Cafes, work to ensure physical health checks are offered for individuals with eating disorders, further development of enhanced primary care teams through the ICP procurement ensuring that mental health needs are addressed in our communities and the significant work already in progress as part of our complex lives alliance in the City. In addition we are enthusiastic about the rollout of the Community Mental Health Framework this is a transformational opportunity to enhance and expand how we provide community services to the people of Devon and Plymouth. We also recognise that the CCG have made a commitment to address the long standing "Fair Share" issue and plans are coming forward via the Local Care Partnership around maximising this investment for this year including initiatives to support the wider health and wellbeing agenda locally.

We know services are already under pressure and our recent Mental Health Needs Assessment clearly highlights that COVID 19 and the legacy of the pandemic will have further negative impacts on the mental health and wellbeing of our populations.

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As such as a system we all know we will need to do more in this important area and as Chair of the Plymouth Local Care Partnerships I will do all I can to prioritise this agenda. But we also appreciate that Devon Clinical Commissioning Group have a pivotal role to play and I would be grateful if you could outline your plans to reduce waiting times for both Children's and Adults' and set down how investment in Mental Health Service will be increased in order that is comparable to other areas of Devon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Lee', written in a cursive style.

Tracey Lee  
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