

17 February 2023

All CCGs were required to plan to achieve the Mental Health Investment Standard in 2021/22 and CCGs were required to spend greater than or equal to the 2021/22 target spend number provided by NHS England and NHS Improvement.

**NHS County Durham CCG** ceased to exist with effect from 1 July 2022 and was replaced by the **North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)**.

As the Accountable Officer of the ICB, I took responsibility with effect from 1 July 2022 for the preparation of the Mental Health Investment Standard Compliance Statement (the "Statement") for the year ended 31 March 2022 and for the financial information that forms the basis of the calculation on which the Statement is derived.

This includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation of the Statement to ensure that mental health expenditure is correctly classified and included in the calculations, and that the Statement is free from material mis-statement, whether due to fraud or error.

I confirm I have received adequate handover and taken assurances from the former CCG Accountable Officer and considered relevant information available in making this Statement. To the best of my knowledge and belief I have properly discharged my responsibilities with regard to reporting against the Mental Health Investment Standard.

Based upon assurances received and review of the information available, I consider that **NHS County Durham CCG** complied with the requirements of the Mental Health Investment Standard for 2021/22. The 2021/22 target spend was £115,655k and actual spend was £115,767k.



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**NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB**

