

The Mental Health Plan

Presentation to Cabinet
Minister of State for Mental Health
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A \$263 million Commitment to Mental Health

“Fully fund and implement the \$125 million mental health initiative.”

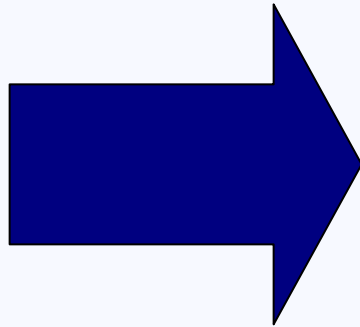
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- Operational funding of \$125 million
- Capital funding of \$138 million

Strategic Shift in Mental Health Care

FROM

- little focus on patient involvement or outcomes
- fragmented management
- lack of clear performance expectations



TO

- responsive to patient needs
- planned, well-managed system
- accountable to public for results

\$138 million in new capital over five years

- Specialized provincial beds
- Community beds

For example, in Kamloops:

84 new beds, including 44 acute care beds and 40 rehabilitation beds.

Benefits of the Plan

- Improved mental health care for British Columbians.
- Better care for British Columbians, where and when they need it.
- A well-managed, accountable system that works to meet the needs of patients.

Continuum of Mental Care

- Acute-care setting,
- to rehabilitative care,
- to community services that provide help to consumers and their families.