



LIMITED FUNDED PLACES FOR IAPT CLINICAL LEADS/MANAGERS AND COMMISSIONERS AT THE
ANNUAL NEW SAVOY CONFERENCE 2016

Congratulations!

From: Chair of the New Savoy Conference

**To: Clinical and Manager Leads, Evidence-based Psychological Therapy Services
and to your Clinical Commissioners for Mental Health in NHS CCGs**

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Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to see you have been awarded an additional £600M from the Spending Review to spend on evidence-based talking therapies. But how will you get to see any of that additional funding make a real difference to patients?

No one has worked harder in achieving improved access to psychological therapies since the transition to NHS England than yourselves. The NHS is seen as a world class service in respect of the way we have transformed evidence-based talking therapies since 2007. We are about to see the launch of the Mental Health Task Force report, led by Paul Farmer CBE and Jacqui Dyer. This will set out an expanded scope and clear ambitions for what NHS psychological therapy services are expected to achieve by 2020. I am delighted that they are opening our 2-day conference to set this out in detail with Karen Turner, National Director for Mental Health and Dr. Matthew Patrick, Chief Executive, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (see www.newsavoypartnership.org for the full programme).

The reason that I am writing to you is because I want to ensure as many of you as possible can attend our annual conference this year **together**. Therefore we are offering a number of funded FREE places for IAPT Clinical Leads/Managers and commissioners. What I want is for the people who must translate these ambitions into reality to be able to have a meaningful dialogue with national leaders, including with the Government Minister with direct responsibility for mental health, **Rt. Hon. Alistair Burt MP**, as well as the Opposition spokesperson, **Luciana Berger MP**, in a Question Time session chaired by **Mark Easton** from the **BBC**. Likewise, on day 2, we need to have a robust conversation with the Government Minister with responsibility for welfare reform, **Lord Freud** who will be joined for the Any Questions session by **Theresa Grant, Chief Executive Trafford Council** from Greater Manchester Combined Authorities to discuss how a joined-up approach to mental health is vital if we are to deliver all this **and also make welfare savings**. We are also expecting confirmation from a senior spokesperson from the Opposition.

You will also see that we are launching a **Staff Wellbeing Charter** to ensure the people who are on the frontline trying to deliver all this are being properly supported in their work – which the results of our staff survey show otherwise.

TO APPLY FOR A FREE FUNDED PLACE **you need to book a place for yourself at the conference and we will give you an additional place free for your IAPT Colleague/Manager/Clinical Lead or commissioner to come along with you and engage with this agenda** – free places are limited on a first come, first served basis, to book your place please email jayne@hc-uk.org.uk quoting **hcuk241iapt** telling us your name and details and the name and details of your colleague.

Finally, as those of you who have been to our annual event before will know, the reason that I really want to encourage you to do this is because unless we start having honest discussions not only about the research-practice gap but also about the targets-funding gap and rhetoric-reality gap for how this works on the ground and for real people (your staff as well as your patients) we will not achieve what all of us want: improved national wellbeing.

With warmest wishes,
Jeremy Clarke CBE
Chair, New Savoy Conference