



**Office of the Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for Health**

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His Worship the Mayor of the City of Monash
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Dear Mayor

I refer to your letter of 22 January 2018 to the Minister for Health, the Hon Greg Hunt MP, concerning funding for headspace services in Monash. The Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf. I regret the delay in responding.

As outlined in my response of 5 February 2018 to your predecessor, Councillor Rebecca Paterson, the Australian Government, through the Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network (PHN) funds a number of key youth mental health initiatives that are available to young people in Monash.

In relation to additional funding of \$30 million announced on 8 January 2018, this funding will be provided to headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation (headspace) to continue key national office functions. In particular, this funding will allow headspace to provide expert advice and support on the headspace service model to PHNs, which are responsible for commissioning headspace services for young people across the country. Funding will also support research activities, workforce development, and national community awareness and stigma reduction campaigns to encourage young people to seek mental health support when they need it.

While additional funding for another round of headspace services is therefore not available at this time, I would encourage you to continue to work with the Eastern Melbourne PHN and other local services to increase awareness of, and access to, existing services in the Monash region.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Black
Chief of Staff