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Barbara Keeley MP, Labour's Shadow Cabinet Minister for Mental Health, commenting on mental health announcements in Theresa May's Speech to the Conservative Party Conference, said:

"The burning injustice that remains in mental health is that underfunding means services are failing too many people.

"An independent review of the Mental Health Act is long overdue and to be welcomed but, far from being better funded than ever before, more than a quarter of CCGs have under-spent their mental health budgets for 2016/17.

"A Labour Government would invest more money in mental health and ring-fence budgets so that money for mental health reaches the front line rather than being siphoned off for other priorities."