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Dear Mr Humphrey MLA

## HEALTHY HAPPY MINDS THERAPEUTIC & COUNSELLING SERVICES PILOT 2021/22

Thank you for your letter dated 3 December 2021 requesting further detail on the 'Healthy Happy Minds' pilot which was launched by the Minister on 2 November 2021.

Given the impact of the pandemic all primary schools, including special schools and EOTAS with a primary school cohort are participating in the pilot which will operate until the end of March 2022.

Schools have received allocations to secure counselling and a range of therapeutic provisions based on the school's pupil enrolment, an average session cost and an estimated number of sessions per week. The table below provides an overview of the funding breakdown:

Primary School Enrolment	Total Allocation per school
1 - 99	£3196.26
100 - 299	£5,327.10
300 - 499	£8,523.36
500 - 699	£12,785.04
700 - 999	£14,915.88

I trust this information is helpful and if you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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