

Mental Health Strategy a 'missed opportunity'

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The Scottish Conservatives have described the Scottish Government's new Mental Health Strategy as a 'missed opportunity' after the details of it were announced in Holyrood today.

In his response, Scottish Conservative mental health spokesman Miles Briggs called for far greater investment in services than what the SNP is proposing.

Scottish Conservative mental health spokesman Miles Briggs MSP said:

"Like many of the organisations involved in delivering mental health services and supporting those with mental health problems, I do not believe this strategy will make the transformative change we all want to see.

"This mental health strategy simply doesn't live up to the promises the First Minister has made on rights, resources and reforms.

"It is clear that the mental health sector is not satisfied with the strategy and increasingly feel they have not been listened to and included.

"If the Mental Health Strategy is going to signpost the development of better mental well-being in Scotland for the next decade, then we need to see a far greater investment in services and vision than what the SNP is proposing.

"We also need guarantees that the Scottish Government will be able to deliver it, especially as no report card was ever produced for the last strategy.

"The Mental Health Strategy is a missed opportunity and is simply not good enough to deliver a new approach to mental health in Scotland. SNP Ministers need to think again."
