

Carol Shillabeer
Chair of the T4CYP Programme

4 December 2017

Dear Carol,

I'm writing to thank you and Dame Sue Bailey for attending the Committee's meeting on 22 November. Members found the session extremely informative and the evidence you provided will be fed into our inquiry.

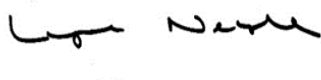
At the meeting you agreed to provide some additional information, a list of which is attached as an annex to this letter. At the end of the annex are two other areas on which the Committee would welcome further clarification.

The Committee will continue to take oral evidence until the end of February. As the additional information you have promised will help inform our questioning of other witnesses, we would be grateful to receive a note on these additional points by **Monday 18 December 2017**.

The Committee will reflect further on your suggestion that an early indication of our emerging conclusions and recommendations could help shape the T4CYPP's programme over the year ahead. In the meantime, you can follow the progress of the inquiry on the Committee's [website](#). You will of course be sent a copy of the report once it is published in early spring.

If you would like to discuss the inquiry any further, please contact the Clerk, Llinos Madeley, on 0300 200 6352 or SeneddCYPE@assembly.wales.

Yours sincerely



Lynne Neagle AM
Chair



ANNEX

Additional information promised during the session:

- The Resilience, Well-being and Early Years work stream directory of best practice which has been published in conjunction with the Early Intervention Foundation. [You also mentioned collecting more information about timescales for the sharing of best practice on EMH between pioneer and non-pioneer schools as part of curriculum reform, and work undertaken by the University of Sussex, both of which would be of interest to the Committee].
- Information on health boards' participation in the commissioning of general advocacy provision for children and young people in partnership with local authorities and whether there is all-Wales coverage.
- How many children in Wales are waiting longer than 26 weeks for neurodevelopmental assessments according to the latest figures available, broken down by local health board
- The current staffing establishment (WTE) and vacancy rate for specialist CAMHS in each Health Board and how those figures have changed since the start of the programme and across different groups (to include information about the benchmarking exercise undertaken in relation to workforce and referrals to specialist CAMHS support)
- The level of Health Board investment in expanding provision for psychological therapies, how many additional WTE specialist posts have been created and what impact this has made in improving access to psychological therapies
- The impact of out of hours/crisis support on reducing in-patient numbers. (The Committee would welcome information from the start of T4CYPP to the most recent, and broken down by local health board if available)
- Data on admissions to in-patient care broken down by in-patient setting, including A&E, paediatric wards and adult wards and admissions to in-patient care outside of Wales.
- Information on the work being done in the Gwent area to reduce admission into A&E.



Further information the Committee would welcome:

Referrals to specialist CAMHS Services

The Baseline Variation and Opportunities Audit 2016 report noted the average number of referrals accepted into specialist CAMHS as 59 per cent.¹ During the session on 22 November you stated that the “referral acceptance rate has increased in the last round from 72 per cent to 74 per cent”.²

- Please could you confirm what measure you are using to come to the figure of 74 per cent and whether the relevant data is publicly available?

Local Primary Mental Health Support Services

During the meeting on 22 November you stated that additional funding has been provided to local primary mental health support services, that referrals into primary mental health services are tracked, and that a capacity review of LPMSS as they relate to children and young people is underway.

- Please could you confirm the T4CYPP’s view of whether capacity and capability in primary care is sufficient to meet the needs of children and young people?
- Please could you confirm when the capacity review is due to be completed and indicate whether the details of that review can be shared with the Committee?

¹ **BVO Audit 2016 Report** p13

² Children, Young People and Education Committee, **Record of Proceedings [para 216]**, 22 November 2017

