

Local Health Boards in Wales

08 February 2018

Dear Colleagues

Thank you for giving evidence this week for the Committee's inquiry into the Emotional and Mental Health of Children and Young People. The Committee welcomed the opportunity to discuss the inquiry with you. During the session you agreed to provide some additional information.

Panel 1: Agreed to provide a note on explaining why the national percentage spend on CAMHS compared to adult mental health services quoted in the session amounted to approximately 12.7%, which is significantly higher than the individual percentage spend quoted by each health board in written or oral evidence (which ranged from 5.1% to 8.5%).

Panel 2: Powys Teaching Health Board agreed to provide a note on the number of children and young people currently waiting for a neurodevelopmental assessment, and the length of wait they are facing.

The Committee would also be grateful if you could provide a **breakdown of your percentage spend on CAMHS** (for example, what percentage is spent on primary, specialist, crisis, therapeutic, third sector etc. CAMHS support).

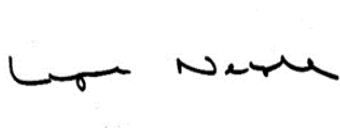
Finally due to time constraints during the morning the Committee were unable to address all issues. As such the Committee would welcome a written response to the questions that were unasked during the session, and **these are annexed**.



The Committee would find it really useful if you are able to provide this information ahead of its final evidence session next week (15 February) with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services, Cabinet Secretary for Education and the Minister for Children and Social Care.

Once again on behalf of the Committee may I thank you for attending the meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynne Neagle', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lynne Neagle AC / AM
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Annex

Questions for Panel 1 – Cwm Taf; Cardiff and Vale; Abertawe Bro Morgannwg; Aneurin Bevan

Specialist CAMHS – Workforce

- What is the current staffing establishment (WTE) and vacancy rate for specialist CAMHS in your Health Board? How has this figure changed over the past three years?

Neurodevelopmental Services

- Are you meeting the 26 week waiting times target for neurodevelopmental conditions? How many children and young people are currently waiting for an assessment?
- An additional £2million (from the annual £7.6 million Welsh Government investment available to Health Boards) was earmarked for specific support for neurodevelopmental conditions in 2016–17. What was the breakdown of funding and where has this been spent?
- Is there variation across Health Boards on waiting times for neurodevelopmental services and, if so, to what can this be attributed?

Access to psychological therapies

The Welsh Government provided additional £1.1 million annually for Health Boards to improve access to psychological therapies.

- How many additional whole time equivalent specialist posts have been created and what impact has this made in improving access to psychological therapies?
- Does your board have a waiting list and if so, how long is it?
- Is there a national overview of the number of referrals that are made across Wales for different types of psychological therapy, including the number of referrals that are accepted?

Question to both Panels:

Advocacy



- Are you currently commissioning advocacy provision for children and young people (including IMHA)?

