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Dear Professor John,

As you may be aware, the National Assembly for Wales's Children, Young People and Education Committee is currently undertaking an [inquiry into the emotional and mental health of children and young people in Wales](#).

The Committee is aware that you led a study – commissioned by the Welsh Government in response to concerns raised by our predecessor committee – on the prescribing of antipsychotic medication in Wales for children and young people (2003–2013). Following the report, the Welsh Government issued a Welsh Health Circular reiterating to GPs, CAMHS clinicians and pharmacists the requirements of NICE guidance and the BNF for children in relation to prescribing practice.

On 22 November the Committee took [oral evidence](#) from the Together for Children and Young People Programme. Professor Dame Sue Bailey, Chair of the T4CYPP Expert Reference Group, suggested that a further study should be commissioned to monitor prescribing trends in 2019.

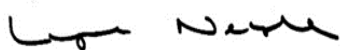
The Committee would welcome a paper from you, outlining your views on this, and any other comments you may have on other elements of the inquiry's [terms of reference](#). Given your area of expertise, the Committee would be particularly grateful for any comments you would have on matters relating to self-harm and suicide among children and young people. Any paper you are able to provide



should arrive no later than **Friday 5 January 2018**. Further guidance about the submission of written evidence is available on the Committee's website.

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



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