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Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing & Sport

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Dear Vaughan,

Follow-up to evidence on 18 January 2017

Thank you for your two letters providing a comprehensive and helpful response to the specific questions the Committee raised with you after your evidence on 18 January 2017. Following a discussion with Members, there are two areas which require some further clarification to aid the Committee with its programme of work.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

The Committee would particularly welcome information on the Together for Children and Young People (T4CYP) assessment targets. There are two targets within this dataset:

- All urgent specialist CAMHS assessments are undertaken within 48 hours.
- All routine specialist CAMHS assessments are seen within 28 days.

In November 2016, Carol Shillabeer informed the Committee that all Local Health Boards were now meeting the 48 hour target for urgent assessments and that all had confirmed they would be meeting the 28 day target for routine assessment by April 2017. We note at present the Welsh Government does not routinely publish data on these targets on its StatsWales website. The Committee would like to receive the following information:

- when will the data become available;
- where will the data be published; and



– how will the data be published.


The Committee would also welcome the most recent data on the assessment targets.

A Framework for a School Nursing Service in Wales

The Committee very much welcomes your plan to publish the framework in a school setting. I would however ask that you provide us with a firm date for publication, or if possible, allow the Committee to have access to the framework under embargo. It is essential the Committee has a clear view of the Welsh Government's plan for school nursing services. This will play a significant role in the scrutiny we are undertaking of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Bill.

I very much look forward to receiving this additional information from you.

Yours sincerely,



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