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National Assembly for Wales
Children, Young People and Education Committee

Vaughan Gething AM
Minister for Health and Social Services, Welsh Government

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Dear Vaughan,

Inpatient CAMHS provision

Thank you for your **letter of 25 February** in response to my **letter about inpatient CAMHS provision for Welsh patients**.

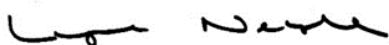
As a Committee we remain deeply concerned about the restrictions applied to both Tier 4 settings in Abergele and Tŷ Lliard. The findings of Healthcare Inspectorate Wales's thematic report: *'How are healthcare services meeting the needs of young people?'*, released today, reinforce our concerns about provision for Welsh patients. We are particularly worried by HIW's findings that:

- they could not always be assured patients were receiving safe and effective care because they found weaknesses around systems for ensuring safe care, including systems for locating emergency equipment;
- they have concerns across Wales over the ability of CAMHS units to accommodate young people who are high risk, due to challenges with staffing, environment and effective management and leadership, with concerns that that this means some young people need to be placed out-of-area.

We are grateful for the details provided in your letter, and in letters provided by **Healthcare Inspectorate Wales** (via the Children's Commissioner) and the **Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee**. However, we seek further urgent reassurances from you in relation to:

- the timescales for addressing the ongoing issues of concern in both settings;
- the procedures in place for ensuring good support is provided in out of area placements (including further detail about how the various bodies tasked with reviewing provision undertake their work – for example, to what extent does the work involve visits as well as paper-based activity?)

Yours sincerely,



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