

Councillor Mary Jones  
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Scrutiny Inquiry Panel

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Dear Councillor Mary Jones

Thank you for your letter of December dated 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and the interest you have shown in services to meet children's mental health and emotional wellbeing. Certainly progress has been made and there is now more performance information available to monitor impact.

There is a considerable amount of work being undertaken on developing an integrated approach to service delivery at each tier and across the continuum of need. This work has been moving at pace more recently and is driven through the 'Getting it right for every Child steering group', monitored through CYP and Corporate Parenting Board. How we develop services to meet the emotional and mental health needs of children is part of this work, the beginnings of which can be seen with the primary health care workers being located in the IAA Hub.

It will be important that monitoring of performance continues via the Child and Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel and this will need to be added to their work plan going forward. This will also be the case for the monitoring of CAMHS Performance information.

I am confident the CAMHS Scrutiny Inquiry Panel was instrumental in highlighting previous concerns in this area and ensuring progress has been made.

Yours sincerely

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