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Summary: This is a letter from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Scrutiny Inquiry Panel to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing following the meeting of the Panel on 15 November 2017. It reflects on the follow up meeting of the Panel.

Dear Cllr Child

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Scrutiny Inquiry Panel met on 15 November to follow up on progress made on the recommendations from the original inquiry.

We would like to thank you and Julie Thomas for attending to go through the impact report, updating on progress and answering questions. We appreciate your engagement and input. We would however, like to express our disappointment that the Health lead was unable to attend the meeting.

We would like to make the following comments:

- We heard that Western Bay agreed CAMHS as a joint priority for the Regional Partnership Board and has driven it. This is welcomed by the Panel.
- We heard that Local Primary Care Mental Health Services are to be brought back into Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABMU) from April 2018 to enable integration with local provision. These services need to be more closely aligned with other services including schools, education and social services. Some progress has been made but it is minimal.
- We are pleased that a task and finish group has been set up to look at which model of primary care to take forward when it comes back into ABMU.
- Welsh Government is funding 3 primary care CAMHS liaison posts across the region. The posts have been advertised but will only be appointed on an annual

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basis. We welcome this funding but are concerned that it is time limited and whether it is sustainable.

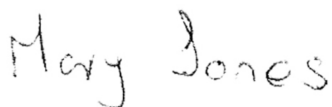
- We are pleased to hear that a positive impact of the inquiry is the front door is being managed more effectively through management of the waiting list for children to be assessed. However it is not meant to be a gatekeeper service and there is still a wait for children to be seen. The Panel is concerned there is still a serious issue at CAMHS front door.
- We have concerns about some of the figures on page 28 of the report, Appendix 1 ABMU Health Board Delivery Plan 2017-19. For example, Measure 2 hit 100% in March 2017 but was only 37.1% in July 2017; Measure 3 was 50% in March 2017 but has been zero since then. It would be useful to see the numbers behind the percentages for these measures.

Following the meeting, the Panel discussed progress and made the following conclusions:

- The impact report shows that 5 of the recommendations have been implemented fully, 6 have been partly implemented and 3 have not been implemented at all.
- We are disappointed with the speed of implementation and progress. However we acknowledge that there is some progress as some of the recommendations have been completed.
- The Panel has agreed that as not all of the recommendations have been completed, it will reconvene in 9 to 12 months to review progress, before monitoring can be concluded. At that time we will be looking for accelerated improvements and outcomes.

We hope you find this letter useful and informative. We would welcome any further comments on any of the issues raised however **we do not expect you to provide a formal response.**

Yours sincerely



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