

## **P-04-408 Child and Adolescent Eating Disorder Service– Correspondence from the petitioner to the clerking team**

Thank you to Beat for the response concerning the petition to be heard on 16 th April. I am thrilled that they have endorsed the need for action.

There are many pieces of research still being produced that point to most Eating Disorders beginning in childhood and adolescence\*. Some of these sufferers, without early intervention and specialist help, will go on to being long term sufferers, into their adult lives, thus requiring more funding.

It remains obvious that to give effective, specialist care from onset of these illnesses in childhood and adolescence can only be more cost effective. Therefore, my plea remains the same: funding is required for specialist treatment of eating disorders in child and adolescents in Wales, equalling if not increasing on the amount given to adult eating disorder services in Wales.

Yours sincerely

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