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Dear David

Petition P-05-754 Lack of support for children with disabilities at crisis

I write in response to your letter dated 23rd February 2018 regarding petition P-05-754 'Lack of support for children with disabilities at crisis'.


I am sorry that the person that submitted this petition is experiencing the difficulties described. Children with Learning Disabilities would generally receive their care and support from their paediatric clinical team with support the Learning Disabilities (LD) team, led by Dr Amani Hassan. The LD team actively engage with young people and their families to ensure that they are receiving the care that they require, including the available treatment options and the appropriate support package where this relates to Social Services. Should a young person or their family be facing long term challenges then this should be highlighted to the LD team so that they can support a resolution, whether this be directly with the treatment offered or through liaison with other services.

The Cwm Taf CAMHS Crisisteam is made up of 4.0 WTE CAMHS Nurses and has been set up to support young people presenting with emergency mental health issues. Should a mental health crisis occur out of hours then such young people could receive their emergency care and support via the Crisis team (currently working until 8pm Monday-Friday) or the on call CAMHS service, delivered by a middle grade and consultant CAMHS doctor, every night and throughout the weekend. The response time is normally with 24 hours. Should the emergency relate to social issues rather than mental health, however, then this would need to be escalated through the Local Authority responsible for providing the package of care.

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I hope that this helps to clarify the role of the CAMHS, Crisis and Learning Disabilities services in such a situation and that this information will support the person that wrote this petition to access the service that is required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Mrs Allison Williams
Chief Executive/Prif Weithredydd