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Dear Ms Finch-Saunders

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

Thank you for your letter dated 16th December 2019 regarding the above petition.

Further to your enquiry I can confirm that a meeting did take place with Mrs Weale on the 16th July 2018, chaired by [REDACTED], former Director of Nursing, and also present were [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Clinical Director for Children and Young People's services, [REDACTED], Consultant Psychiatrist in Learning Disability and [REDACTED], Directorate Manager.

At this meeting it was discussed that there is presently no inpatient Learning Disability provision in Wales, with this specialist service currently only commissioned from units in England, making emergency/ respite care very difficult. There was also a discussion around the role of the Specialist CAMHS Crisis teams and the fact that they could respond to a young person with Learning Disability in a mental health crisis as appropriate. As an outcome from the meeting it was agreed that the clinicians that had been involved previously would be asked to consider a pathway for young people in crisis and work has been undertaken to develop a draft, however further work is now required in order to implement this. I note that this is a complex piece of work, with numerous services involved, however I have asked that this is now urgently progressed.

I hope that this provides a useful update however if Mrs Weale would like to meet again to discuss this then could I please ask that she contact [REDACTED] via email at [REDACTED] so that he can arrange this.

Yours sincerely



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