

To: Vaughan Gething MS

Minister for Health and
Social Services

Via email only

26 August 2020

Dear Vaughan,

Re: Welsh medium mental health provision for children and young people

I am writing in relation specifically to progress made against recommendation 26 of the Children, Young People and Education Committee's *Mind Over Matter* report, published in 2018:

That the Welsh Government ensure the T4CYP Programme undertake a comprehensive piece of work on the current and future availability of Welsh language emotional and mental health support services.

As I reflected in my response to the committee's follow up consultation to *Mind over Matter*, I have not seen evidence that this comprehensive piece of work has been or is being undertaken.

I am also unclear as to where responsibility for this work now lies, following the changes to T4CYP's responsibilities.

I am pleased that the need for this work is recognised in the Together for Mental Health Delivery Plan as a priority, however I am concerned that there is little data published on availability of services or how often young people are actively offered a Welsh medium service.

I would be grateful for an update on the progress of Welsh Government against this recommendation.

Yours sincerely,



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