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Dear Detective Chief Inspector

### **Inquiry into the Emotional and Mental Health of Children and Young People**

As you may be aware, the Children, Young People and Education Committee is carrying out an inquiry into the Emotional and Mental Health of Children and Young People. Further details, including evidence received to date, is available on the Committee's [website](#).

At the Committee's public meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 we heard evidence from Police representatives; ACC Jonathan Blake attended on behalf of the National Police Chiefs Council, Superintendent Nicholas McLain on behalf of Gwent Police, and Detective Chief Inspector Alistair Mitchell on behalf of South Wales Police, but who also shared the views of Dyfed Powys Police with their consent. The ACC gave evidence from a pan-Wales perspective but there were some specific issues relating to individual forces that were addressed at the meeting.

Following the session the Committee agreed to write to ensure that the North Wales force had an opportunity to share its views on the points raised. The Committee would be grateful to receive a short note on the following:

- The College of Policing has estimated that 40 per cent of police time is taken up with dealing with people with mental health issues. Have you an idea of what proportion of time is spent on children and young people with such issues?

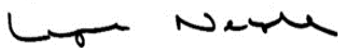


- Anecdotally, we have heard that police officers can spend many hours in A&E departments or in the back of ambulances with patients because of the lack of beds or available care. Is there anything happening to try and manage this better and to co-operate more effectively or to come to some arrangement with local health boards to find another way of dealing this issue.
- Are you using a triage services and do you have a preferred model that you would like to see implemented across the four police force areas?

The full transcript of the meeting on 10 January is available. If you would like to comment from a North Wales Police perspective on any other points raised by the other forces during the 10 January meeting please feel free to include those in your response.

If you would like to discuss this letter further, please contact the Clerk, Llinos Madeley, on 0300 200 6352. We would be grateful to receive a response as soon as possible, and no later than **Thursday 8 February 2018**.

Yours sincerely



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