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*Dear Ann,*

I am writing to thank you, and all Committee members, for your inquiry and report into specialist child and adolescent mental health services in Wales. I am especially pleased that in gathering its evidence, the Committee sought directly the views of young people, parents and carers.

I echo the Committee's sentiments that this is an important moment for CAMHS in Wales. This is why I have called for a fundamental review of services to ensure they meet the future needs of children and young people. I am delighted that Professor Dame Sue Bailey has already agreed to undertake a role supporting clinical change and development.

I commend the Committee's decision to allow time for this redesign work to embed and deliver, before considering any recommendations from the inquiry. Your report and the evidence presented to the Committee will be a significant contribution towards shaping the transformation of services. I will update the committee on progress near the end of 2015.

*Best wishes,*

*Mark*

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