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Dear Ann,

I wrote to you on 13 May with an update on activity around the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) service change programme. I know you also met Professor, Dame Sue Bailey and Carol Shillabeer on 14 May to discuss the work in more detail.

In order to support the work being undertaken to improve CAMHS, I am very pleased to be able to announce a significant new investment in these services tomorrow. An additional £7.6m per annum will be available from this financial year onwards to assist with the reshaping of CAMHS services.

The additional resources will be targeted at improving access to psychological therapies available for children and young people; increasing services in primary care; expanding provision for early intervention in psychosis; ensuring early assessments for young people presenting in crisis; and improving support for young people in, or at danger of entering, the youth justice system. The £7.6m also includes the resources I announced earlier this week to improve services for young people with neuro-developmental conditions who are often inappropriately referred to specialist CAMHS.

As I am sure you will appreciate, this funding is aimed at supporting the major programme of work already underway to improve CAMHS in Wales. I would hope that the impact of this additional funding and the wider programme of changes will mean that we will begin to see improvements in access to services by the end of this year.

I will of course keep you updated on this activity and the investment and am also copying this letter to David Rees AM, as Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee.

Best wishes,  
Mark

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