

National Assembly for Wales

Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Inquiry into Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Evidence from : Dr C Grantham GP

1. Availability of early intervention services

- Limited
- Help lines to psychologists exist but only 1 day a week where I work
- 2ary care early intervention services very difficult to access

2. Access to community specialist CAMHS at tier 2

- Limited
- Difficult to access
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3. Extent to which CAMHS are embedded within broader health & social care services

4. Whether CAMHS is given sufficient priority within broader mental health & social care

5. Whether there is significant regional variation in access to CAMHS across wales

6. Effectiveness of the arrangements for children who need emergency services

- Emergency services are very difficult to access
- The time frame from referral to being seen is very patient unfriendly if referring for outpatient review which exacerbates mental health problems & adds greatly to the stress of the affected parents