

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 : NCN lead Caerphilly North ABUHB

	<b><u>The Committee is interested in hearing about</u></b>
	<b>The availability of early intervention services for children and adolescents with mental health problems</b>
1.	Comments: I am unaware of any early intervention services as such. we have the primary care mental health support service which has very limited staff trained in early CAHMS type work. With a 6-8 week wait .  CAHMS waits are very long locally.
	<b>Access to community specialist CAMHS at tier 2 and above for children and adolescents with mental health problems, including access to psychological therapies</b>
2.	Comments: the long waiting list restricts access
	<b>The extent to which CAMHS are embedded within broader health and social care services</b>
3.	Comments: I have little knowledge of this so will not comment
	<b>Whether CAMHS is given sufficient priority within broader mental health and social care services, including the allocation of resources to CAMHS</b>
4.	Comments: CAMHS always seems underresourced with long waiting lists unable to cope with the demand. It tries to restrict its referral criteria but patients with more behavioural/psychological problems often have nowhere else to go
	<b>Whether there is significant regional variation in access to CAMHS across Wales</b>
5.	Comments:  Unknown
	<b>The effectiveness of the arrangements for children and young people with mental health problems who need emergency services</b>
6.	Comments: Very limited, in the last case I dealt with after 5 pm – the advice was for the patient to attend cas which didn't feel very satisfactory at the time
	<b>The extent to which the current provision of CAMHS is promoting safeguarding, children's rights, and the engagement of children and young people</b>
7.	Comments: This must be limited by the limited service

	<b>Any other key issues identified by stakeholders</b>
8.	Comments:

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