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Dear Cathie,

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

In your most recent [correspondence](#) with the Committee you provided further information, as requested, on how the effect of staffing levels could result in the dramatic reduction in service of CAMHS by NHS Forth Valley (from 95% in July 2017 to 57% in August 2017). Your response also explained why this would take until June 2018 to rectify.

The LDP standard figure for CAMHS for the [quarter to June 2018](#) show NHS Forth Valley meeting the target only 49.6% of the time although board papers give the figure as 48.2%. In August the rate increased to 58.2% and board papers indicate a further improvement is expected into September and beyond.

We would be grateful if you could provide an update on your current staffing situation in this area and indicate when you expect NHS Forth Valley to meet the 90% national target. It would be helpful if you could respond by 5 December.

Yours sincerely

Lewis Macdonald

Convener, Health and Sport Committee