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Dear Colleagues

I was delighted to attend the Young People's Question Time on behalf of the Children's Trust on Friday, 29th July. In addition to this the Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) - who now have their own [Facebook](#) page - attended our recent Children's Leadership Group meeting at the Pool Innovation Centre. Platform 51 members gave a presentation on issues related to mental health in women, describing not only some of the problems faced by young women in Cornwall but also shared some national statistics that left no room for doubt as to the seriousness of these issues. Actions that have come out of the meeting was for one of our MYPs to work with the members of Platform 51 and link them in with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Young People's Shadow Board and also for the Children, Schools and Families Strategy Support Team to facilitate the giving of the presentation to the CAMHS Board chaired by health. We also listened to the personal experiences of young women (and a dad) being helped by the Young Mums will Achieve project. Once again the description of their experiences proved very powerful.

The first meeting of the [Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board](#) took place in July. Cornwall has become an early implementer and are keen to learn from the experiences of the Children's Trust. The first meeting focused predominantly on "how" the meetings will work – over the next few months we will be developing the model for Cornwall – I will keep you posted on our progress.

The Children's Leadership Group has developed a commissioning group chaired by Mike Peters, Head of Service Special Educational Needs, Disabilities and Inclusion, to further develop a coordinated approach to our commissioning predominantly within Children, Schools and Families but also with an eye on ensuring alignment with our health colleagues over time.

I hope you enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and that we all benefit from some good weather!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trevor Doughty", with a large, stylized flourish to the right.

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