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Dear Colleague

**Working Together Better for Children and Young People – A Transformation Strategy 2011 – 2014**

I am writing to ask you, in your capacity as a member of the Plymouth Children and Young People's Trust Board, to take part in the consultation process that is currently underway to seek the views of stakeholders about the proposed transformation of community based healthcare services for children and young people.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the latest version of *Working Together Better for Children and Young People*, along with a consultation document that contains a series of questions about the new framework of services that we are proposing to create. As the consultation document makes clear, Plymouth Community Healthcare is committed to a robust, evidence based approach to the development of this new framework of services and recognises that it cannot do so in isolation from the rest of the children and young people's system.

The intention is for the final version of *Working Together Better for Children and Young People* to be reviewed for approval by Plymouth Children and Young People's Trust Board in the spring of 2012. This will allow us to amend the existing version of the strategy in line with the views we gather from stakeholders, including children and young people themselves, about the proposals contained within the strategy.

The consultation document contains a response form and, although we have outlined specific questions, there is the opportunity for you to share any additional comments you have on the strategy as part of the consultation process. Please can you ensure that your response form is returned no later than **Tuesday 3 January 2012**; the details of how and where to send the form are included in the consultation document.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in anticipation of receiving your feedback.

Yours sincerely

Cate Simmons  
**Interim Head of Children's Services**