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Dear Colleague,

Building and sustaining specialist CAMHS: a consultation paper on workforce, capacity and functions of Tiers 2, 3 and 4 child and adolescent mental health services

The faculty of child and adolescent psychiatry have given great time and consideration to how we can deliver CAMH services in the context of the new policy framework.

This document represents what we believe about demands, needs and capacity to deliver effective child-centred CAMH services to 0-16-year-olds. We very much welcomed the comments from all those within the College who are working with 0-18-year-olds and with carers, families and patients as parents.

We hope this document will provide a platform from which the faculty of child and adolescent psychiatry can set up discussion with all the relevant groups within the College on how we can further deliver effective comprehensive adolescent services for 16-18-year-olds making the transition into adult mental health services.

As chair, I am very grateful to both members of my faculty - Dr Ann York and Dr Clare Lamb – who have put so much hard work into this initiative.

We would appreciate receiving your comments on the present document by 1st March, 2005.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Sue Bailey
Chair, CAP Faculty