Thank you for the opportunity to provide information in respect of Child and Adolescent mental health services in Dundee.

What targets have been set for the implementation of the framework?

An implementation plan has been developed and this is progressed through a multi-agency group, which is a sub group of Tayside Child Health Strategy. The ‘promises’ that were to be implemented were:

- Increase early identification and early intervention opportunities for children and young people with mental health problems.
- Ensure children identified as more vulnerable including Looked After and Accommodated children and young people, children with parents with substance misuse or mental illness and children with long standing physical illness, will have appropriate access to CAMHS services.
- Develop parenting support in a cohesive and multi agency way to address the needs of children and young people with mental health problems.
- Reduce morbidity from depression by timely and appropriate assessment and intervention.
- Reduction of waiting times for CAMHS.

Specific measures for improvement were identified for each promise in the Collaborative Commissioning Plan.

Whether there are any risks associated with those targets, either in relation to hindering achievement of the target or in terms of potential consequences for the organisation?

Risks in respect of achieving the above targets have been identified. These include;
- Capacity in the CAMHS service,
- Funding
- Recruitment
- Identification of unmet need
To what extent has staffing need been estimated in relation to delivering the plan and what the outcome was of any such assessment?

It is our understanding that NHS Tayside undertook work to consider the funding and that in January 2009; a request for further funding was made and agreed.

How many whole time equivalents at the generic, multi-agency level of 100,000 of population have been agreed?

We understand that NHS Tayside will respond to this question which relates to the full time equivalent staff per population. In relation to the local authority, there are two social work posts that have specific responsibility to support the CAHMS service. These posts are based in child care and assessment teams.