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The organizational changes that Anita has mentioned in Västerbotten has also affected the Research and Development unit, at Region Västerbotten, that at present host the CYAR project. Therefore there have been a lot of contacts with Norrbotten Region – who already has made a similar change – for a new host for CYAR. It was unfortunate that Sweden in this shift could not sign a partnership for the Kolartic application, but we intend to find a suitable and stable construction for the future. Norrbotten Region has also recently formed a political platform for the Artic, which is in line with the Barents cooperation.

Children are in focus in many different ways in Sweden right now. For instance does the government distribute money to the social services in the municipalities that are specific aimed to improve the situation for children that are at risk for abuse or other negative impact from the environment, and therefore no longer can live with their parents. There are investments in personal, education for foster families, methods for investigations and similar activities.

Another activity that has priority is teams in “the first line”. Cooperation between social services, schools and health care within these special teams are one way for preventive work and early interventions. If a child or a family need more specified help, a referral can be made for instance to the child- and adolescent psychiatry.

Children are also in focus in the national work concerning mental health. Especially young girls have been identified as a group with increased mental problem, such as anxiety, stress related symptoms, sleeping difficulties and suicidal thoughts. During this year is every municipality and county council are encouraged to perform a analyze- and action plan for persons, 0-25 years.

An national action plan concerning early detection and treatment of alcohol- and narcotic problems for young persons 13- 24 years, is also on its way and will be presented in December this year.