

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held at the County Borough Council Offices, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 5 pm.

**Present:**

County Borough Councillor R W Smith – in the Chair

**County Borough Councillors:**

(Mrs) A Calvert	(Mrs) S Rees	(Mrs) M Tegg
W J David	(Mrs) A Roberts	L G Walker
Mr C Davies	G Stacey	Mr D H Williams

**Officers:**

Mr G Isingrini – Group Director, Community & Children’s Services  
Mr N Elliott – Service Director, Adult Services  
Mr P J Mee - Service Director, Public Health & Protection  
Mr A Wilkins – Head of Legal, Corporate & Democratic Services  
Ms L Davies – Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards & Community Safety  
Mrs L Williams – Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Patient Services, Cwm Taf Local Health Board  
Mrs K McGrath – Assistant Director of Operations (Unscheduled Care), Cwm Taf Local Health Board  
Ms J Parry – Trading Standards Manager  
Mr G Lewis - Senior Food and Agricultural Standards Officer  
Ms R Hope - Food and Health & Safety Manager  
Ms J Nicholls – Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Mr M Jones – Democratic Services Officer

**16. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors J Davies, (Mrs) M E Davies, A S Fox, and I Pearce.

**17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Members’ Code of Conduct, County Borough Councillor L.Walker declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item 5 – To Consider the report of the Learning Disability Joint Statement of Strategic Intent – “My youngest sister is a service user who attends a day centre”.

The following declaration of interest was also made in relation to Agenda Item 5 – County Borough Councillor W.J.David “I’m a School Governor at Ysgol Ty Coch”.

**18. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – to approve as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

**19. MATTERS ARISING**

Minute Number 14 - Committee was informed that a small working group had met on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 to consider the contents of the report in greater detail and that the findings would be reported back to the next Meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

**20. FEEDBACK FROM THE VISIT TO THE EXTRA CARE STRATEGY HOUSING SCHEME IN TALBOT GREEN**

The Vice Chair informed Committee that Members visited the Extra Care Home in Talbot Green on Tuesday 25th October, 2016 and reported that Members were impressed by the level of care and support that extra care housing residents receive which allows them to live more independent lives.

It was **RESOLVED** to receive feedback from the visit.

**21. PRESENTATION**

With the aid of PowerPoint slides, Mrs.L.Williams Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Patient Services and Mrs.K.McGrath Assistant Director of Operations (Unscheduled Care) of Cwm Taf University Health Board provided Members with a joint presentation in conjunction with the Group Director Community & Children's Services and the Service Director Adult Services in respect of the choice of accommodation protocol and Delayed Transfer of Care and gave their observations under the following headings:

- Choice of Accommodation.
- Fundamental Principle.
- Delayed Transfers of Care.
- Benchmark in Comparison to other Health Boards.
- Key Issues.
- Culture of Risk Aversion.
- National Discharge Audit Case Studies.
- Next Steps.

The Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Patient Services reported that the joint Choice of Accommodation Protocol is developed with the local authorities and sets out a number of fundamental principles and processes to deal with delays and disputes, reluctant discharges via standard letters and patient information.

Members were informed that the fundamental principle of the choice accommodation protocol is to ensure that people will not remain in hospital

longer than necessary as this is considered to be an increased health risk and dependence and it prevents others accessing prompt hospital care when needed.

The Assistant Director of Operations (Unscheduled Care), informed Members that there are a number of key issues that need to be addressed in relation to delayed transfers of care, although Cwm Taf Local Health Board continue to provide an effective service and their performance over the last 12 months is considered to be average in comparison with other Local Health Boards. She reported that Aneurin Bevan Health Board received the largest number of delayed transfers across South Wales with around a third of the total number of delays.

The Assistant Director of Operations (Unscheduled Care) informed Members that there had been a total of 32 general cases of Delayed Transfer of Care, 10 of which were related to Mental Health issues. She explained that the lack of availability within Care Homes and supported accommodations and a rise in costing fees has had an impact on the Service. She reported that there had been an increase in the number of patients with complex needs and the time taken to complete the independent review process, however, they continue to make the best use of community resources to improve the Service.

In response to a query, the Assistant Director of Operations (Unscheduled Care) reported that there isn't a Recharge Policy process in place with other Health Boards, however, the Delayed Transfer of Care Protocol had greatly improved and there is now a set 48 hour turnaround time for moving patients onto the appropriate destination of care.

In response to a matter raised in relation to Primary Health Care the Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Patient Services reported that there is a robust Primary Care Unit in situ which provides a 24 hour district nursing service and that additional funding had been used to help enhance the service.

Following the observations made by Mrs.L.Williams and Mrs.K.McGrath, the Chair thanked them for their attendance and for responding to the questions raised by Members, and they left the Meeting.

**RESOLVED** – to acknowledge the Power Point presentation and information received in respect of the Choice of Accommodation Protocol and Delayed Transfers of Care.

## **REPORT OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

### **22. LEARNING DISABILITY JOINT STATEMENT OF STRATEGIC INTENT**

The Service Director, Adult Services presented Committee with the Learning Disability Joint Statement of Strategic Intent which outlined the strategic

approach to the commissioning of learning disability services by partners across Cwm Taf.

The Service Director, Adult Services informed Committee that RCT had been working together with Regional Cwm Taf Partners to develop the strategy for individuals with a learning disability of all ages including those people with autism and complex needs.

The Service Director, Adult Services reported that the model for service provision is a dynamic one which responds to an individual's changing needs, however, further support is needed for people who access universal services and to maximise the use of the service.

The Service Director, Adult Services reported that commissioning of services remains a key priority.

The Service Director, Adult Services reported that a public consultation is intended to be undertaken during December 2016 and January 2017 and the consultation outcomes, final Joint Statement of Strategic Intent and implementation plan will be reported to Scrutiny later in 2017.

The Chair queried whether Scrutiny could become more involved and consider a specific area in detail and report back to the Committee with some positive outcomes. In view of this and further to discussions it was **RESOLVED** to form a small working group to consider the Learning Disability Joint Statement of Strategic Intent and that the comments of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will inform the consultation process.

## **23. FOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT – FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY FULL AUDIT REPORT & ACTION PLAN**

With the aid of PowerPoint slides, the Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards & Community Safety provided Members with a presentation in respect of the Draft Food Standards Agency following the full audit of the Council's Food Law Enforcement Service, carried out in April 2016 and gave her observations under the following headings:

- Food Allergies and Intolerances.
- Food Law Service 2016-17.
- Regulatory Activity.
- Reactive Requests for Service.
- Performance Information.
- Food Hygiene in Food Premises.
- Food Law Regulation.
- Summary of Draft Audit Findings.
- Next Steps.

The Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards & Community Safety informed the Committee that the Council's Food Law Enforcement Service

produce their own yearly plan to ensure that all food and feed producers, manufacturers, importers and retailers within the authority area comply with their legal responsibilities. She reported that food sampling is undertaken to assess microbiology safety, quality and composition.

Members were informed that the process for carrying out programmed inspections is now more efficient and that the food hygiene in food premises fits within the Wales average.

The Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards & Community Safety reported that there had been a rise in the number of businesses that supply imported foods, increasing trends of internet sales and a number of purchases in relation to illegal anabolic food steroids which was being closely monitored.

The Service Director, Public Health & Protection informed Members that following the full audit of the Council's Food Law Enforcement Service, carried out in April 2016, there were 24 individual recommendations made by the auditors in relation to 10 specific areas of the service. He reported that a detailed response to the Draft Report and a Draft Action Plan had been prepared to address the 24 recommendations identified in the audit report and he welcomed Committee's comments.

In response to a query the Service Director, Public Health & Protection confirmed that some of the recommendations would be challenged through the draft Action Plan.

In response to a question raised in relation to how often were food premises being inspected the Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards & Community Safety reported that inspections were being carried out as and when required or if a complaint had been received concerning the hygiene of food premises.

The Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards & Community Safety reported that food premises must display their food hygiene certificate or they could risk being fined.

A Member raised concern in relation to the deadline date 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016 set out in the Action Plan to address the recommendations and queried whether the deadline date was realistic. The Service Director, Public Health & Protection responded that some of the recommendations had already been completed and that the deadline date was achievable.

Committee agreed that the outcome of the report overall was very positive and the recommendations made by auditors were constructive.

Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED**;

- (i) To acknowledge the Food Standards Agency Draft Report on Food Law Enforcement provided by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council;

- (ii) To accept the Draft Action Plan prepared by the Service Director Public Health and Protection which responds to the recommendations arising from the FSA draft report and,
- (iii) To acknowledge that a number of recommendations have already been addressed by the local authority.

R W Smith  
Chairman

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.