



## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 12 February 2019 at 5.00 pm at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park. Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX.

### **County Borough Councillors - Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Members in attendance:-**

Councillor R Yeo (Chair)

Councillor A Roberts	Councillor M Forey
Councillor L De Vet	Councillor L Jones
Councillor J Davies	Councillor J Williams
Councillor G Stacey	Councillor M Tegg
Councillor G Hughes	

### **Officers in attendance:-**

Mr A Wilkins, Director, Legal Services  
Mr N Elliott, Service Director, Adult Services  
Mr P Mee, Director, Public Health, Protection & Community Services  
Ms. L. Bridgman, Head Of Service Short Term Intervention

### **County Borough Councillors in attendance:-**

Councillor M Adams and Councillor S Evans

#### **29 Declaration of Interest**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, there were no declarations made pertaining to the agenda.

#### **30 Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

#### **31 Stay Well at Home Service Update**

The Head of Service Short Term Intervention thanked Members for the opportunity to present an update in respect of the Stay Well at Home Service.

With the aid of a Power Point presentation, the Head of Short Term Intervention

presented Members with an overview of where the Service is at.

It was explained that the figures show there has been a consistent flow of activity in all areas in its second year. Members were presented with a table showing the activity for year two.

The three main measures of success for the Stay Well at Home Service are:

- % reduction in people admitted to a hospital bed from A&E
- % increase in numbers admitted but returning home earlier
- % reduction for those transferred to a community hospital.

Members were presented with graphs showing the outcome data under the above measures for 2018/19.

The Committee were pleased to see that the Service had received high recognition in the form of the Social Care Accolades 2018 where they were highly commended and in the NHS Wales Awards 2018, the Service gained winner of the category of “working seamlessly across organisation” and finally the overall winner of the best project.

The Head of Service Short Term Intervention continued to explain to Members the proposed Phase 2 of the Stay Well at Home Service (Stay Well @ Home Single Point of Access and Rapid Response). Members were informed that a funding application had been sent to Welsh Government in respect of Phase 2 however, we are still awaiting confirmation of the funding.

At the end of the presentation, the Chair thanked the Head of Service, Short Term Intervention for the overview and opened up the meeting for Members questions.

A Member stated that he was pleased to see the positive impact the Stay Well at Home Service has had on members of the communities across the County Borough and congratulated staff on their hard work and the recognitions that they have received so far.

The Member asked what was meant by inappropriate referrals, it was explained that there is a lack of understanding with some staff knowledge how the service works and when a patient is ready to go home. There is a need for continuing training of hospital based staff to understand what the service provides and how the works in partnership.

In respect of performance data, what impact is it having on our other services such as capacity issues for example domiciliary care provision. It was explained domiciliary care capacity in certain areas and particularly at “peak call times” is an ongoing issue and recruitment of staff is a pressure on the Service, although this is an issue that all Adult Services across Wales are dealing with. There are many contributing factors and as a Service we are working well with our providers towards building a more robust workforce to deal with the demand.

Another Member congratulated the Service for its hard work and commented that it was pleasing to see Phase 2 being considered as people are living longer and wanting their independence for as long as possible by living in their own homes. In respect grant, funding what consideration has been given in the long term for the service to continue. Officers explained that discussions are in

progress.

After further discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to:

- Acknowledge the content of the presentation
- Congratulate the Officers for their hard work in delivering a well-run service
- Receive an updating report on a twelve monthly basis.

## **32 EMI Working Group Draft Report**

The Director of Communications and Interim Head of Democratic Services presented the report to Members of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

It was explained that as Member would recall at the meeting of the above Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017, Members considered a presentation in relation to the provision of Adult Mental Health Service within Rhondda Cynon Taf. Members were presented with the challenges faced by the service, including the lack of EMI nursing care home beds (both respite and long term) because of the information received Members agreed to set up a working group to look into how the committee could help with the challenges.

The Director of Communications and Interim Head of Democratic Services took Member through the report in great detailed and after further discussion, Members **RESOLVED**:

- That Scrutiny continue to monitor delayed transfers of care performance, and in particular issues relating to the availability of EMI nursing care home provision
- That Cabinet ensure the recommendations in the Cwn Taf Market Position Statement are being delivered in particular those aimed at the more specialised provision and need for more provision linked to complex care i.e. Dementia and nursing dementia.

## **33 Community Day Centre Consultation Report**

The Director of Communications and Interim Head of Director of Communications explained to Members the reason why the report has been presented to the Committee.

It was explained that the Council is currently undertaking a focussed six week consultation with service users and local communities on the future of the remaing Community Day Centres. Members were informed that the committee is invited to participate in this consultation exercise and in doing so inform the report that subsequently be presented to Cabinet for decision.

The Head of Communications and Interim Head of Democratic Service introduced the Director of Public Health, Protection & Community Services to take Members through the report with aid of a Power Point presentation.

It was explained that the Community Day centres provide an opportunity for residents over 50 years of age to access a hot meal each weekday and

participate in a range of activities. It was explained that there are five remaining day centres located across the County Borough.

Members were informed that on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018, Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Public Health, Protection & Community Services setting out proposals to review, the provision of Community Day centres in Rhondda Cynon Taf. It was determined that a six week consultation would be undertaken and that a further report be presented to Cabinet on the outcomes of the consultation with recommendations for consideration.

The Director of Public Health, Protection & Community Services explained to Members the following Community Day Centres are located in:

- Gilfach Goch Day Centre
- Brynnar Jones Day Centre, Gelli
- Alec Jones Day Centre, Porth
- Teifi House day Centre, Maerdy
- Nazareth Day Centre, Williamstown

It was explained that a public consultation into the future provision of the services held at Alec Jones Day Centre, has already been undertaken as part of the Porth Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 a decision was made by Cabinet to transfer the current programme of activities held at the Alec Jones Day Centre to the new community hub planned for Porth Plaza.

It was explained that the net budget for the remaining four day centres is £251,041 (excluding Alec Jones Day Centre), the average meals per day range from 12 at Teifi House to 36 at Gilfach Goch. The Net subsidy per meal ranges from £7.38 to £16.82.

The Director of Public Health, Protection & Community Services explained that the Community Day Centres usage is low with small numbers of meals provided each day, the programmes of activities are generally quite limited and at one centre no activities are held. He went on to explain that there are significant maintenance and repair requirements for all buildings estimated in the region of £500k over five years and in taking into consideration all the factors the current service model is no longer sustainable.

Members were taken through the report detail and presented their questions and observations to the Officers.

A Member commented that she was concerned on the cost of the meal provision and agreed that something needs to be done to deliver a more cost effective and purposeful service.

In respect of providing some services through the Community Hubs, programme a Member asked what provisions would be put in place for those areas, which are not covered within these areas. The Member queried whether consideration could be given to seeing if there are any organisation will come on board to keep some Community Day Centres open.

The Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services explained that as part of the process consideration has been given to create up to ten community zones, each with a community hubs and supporting a

“neighbourhood network” of services provided by the public and voluntary sector. Brining services together will provide a better public service offer and create economies of scale in terms of staffing and building costs.

A Member commented that we need to encourage the elder generation to be more active and the time for change has arrived, intergenerational and interaction is an exciting way forward with the hubs offering a diverse range of facilities. It was explained that day centres are limited in scope and we need to look at a new way of working.

A Member felt strongly in respect of one of the day centres, which is under discussion, commented that the centre is being used to accommodate more than one area, and stated that it would be a great shame for the more vulnerable members of the community.

Members agreed that the current service is unsustainable and acknowledge that there is a need to work in collaboration with communities and third sector organisation to deliver a more integrated service delivery for the benefit of residents within the County Borough.

After further discussion, Members **RESOLVED**:

- To acknowledge the content of the Consultation Report
- That the feedback and comments of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee from part of the formal consultation feedback to the Cabinet.
- To receive an updating overview of the new Community Hubs at a future Meeting.

**This meeting closed at 6.15 pm**

**CLLR R. YEO  
CHAIR.**