

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Community & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee held at the County Borough Council Offices, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale on Tuesday, 5th November, 2013 at 5 p.m.

PRESENT:

County Borough Councillor (Mrs.)M.Davies – in the Chair

County Borough Councillors:

W.J.David	A.Roberts
S.Jones	B.Stephens
I.Pearce	L.Walker
S.Rees	D.H.Williams

Officers:

Mr.E.Williams – Director, Community & Children's Services
Mr.R.Gatis – Service Director, Community Care
Mr.P.J.Lucas – Director, Legal & Democratic Services
Ms.K.May – Democratic Services Manager

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors A.S.Fox, S.Lloyd, (Mrs.)A.Roberts, (Mrs.)J.Rosser and (Mrs.)J.S.Ward.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED – to note that in accordance with the Code of Conduct there were no declarations of personal interests relating to the agenda.

27. MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Community & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee held on the 9th October, 2013 be approved as a correct record.

REPORTS OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

28. COMMUNITY AND HOSPITAL INTERFACE AND DELAYED TRANSFERS OF CARE (DToc)

In his report, the Group Director, Community and Children's Services updated Members on the work that is being undertaken to support the interface

between community and hospital services together with information on the number of people whose discharge from hospital is delayed.

At the meeting the Service Director, Community Care reported on the work of the Task and Finish Group which had been established in the Summer of this year by the First Minister to look at issues relating to delayed transfers of care comprising senior representatives from the NHS and Local Government across Wales. The recommendations from this review together with plans prepared by Local Health Boards and Local Authorities on how they will better manage winter pressures this year have been submitted to the Welsh Government.

Details of the Council's performance on delayed transfers in respect of – delayed transfer of care for social care reasons and for patient related reasons for the periods 2010/2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/14 were set out in the report. In response to a query raised by a Member as to why there was an increase in the number of delayed transfer of care for social care reasons during August/September of this year, the Service Director, Community Care stated there were a number of different reasons some due to the hospitals and another reason was due to the number of available staff in the Rhondda area being able to undertake assessments. However, he was pleased to report that the figures for October, 2013 were lower and would be reported to Members in due course.

RESOLVED –

1. To note the work being undertaken to ensure that hospitals are able to manage the demand on their services over the Winter months.
2. To note the number of delayed transfers of Care for Social Care reasons.

29. SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH – PROMOTING INTEGRATED SERVICES

In his report, the Group Director, Community and Children's Services reported on the Welsh Government's initiatives to promote the integration of Social Services and Health Services in Wales and he outlined the Council's response to the following documents:

- Sustainable Social Services – Framework for Action
- Setting the Direction : Primary and Community Services Strategic Delivery Programme

In responding to the above policy initiatives, the Group Director, Community and Children's Services indicated that with the exception of Learning Disability services, in Adult Services in Rhondda Cynon Taf the front line services were reviewed and reorganised to deliver greater focus on improved information provision at point of first contact, strengthened short term support where needed and long term care and support were necessary. These changes were implemented during the early part of this financial year i.e. 2013/14 which places the Council in a good position to take the next steps in providing

more integrated, localised services for adults, particularly for older people with complex needs.

However, the Welsh Government have determined that the pace of integration needs to be increased, particularly in Older People's Services and have recently published the following policy documents, to which responses are sought:

- "Delivering Local Health Care" – Accelerating the pace of change – which requires Local Health Boards to meet a range of largely health led targets over the course of the next three years.
- "A Framework for Delivering Health and Social Care for Older People with Complex Needs" – a consultation document on proposals to establish a "Health and Social Care Integration Partnership".

It was reported that in addition to the new requirements, the Health Minister required each Local Health Board, in partnership with their respective Local Authorities to submit a set of Local Authority/Local Health Board joint arrangements currently in place in a template created by ABMU Health Board as shown at Appendix A to the report.

At the meeting, the Group Director, Community and Children's Services reported that prior to the Welsh Government's latest initiatives, staff from Cwm Taf Local Health Board, Merthyr Tydfil Council and this Council had been working with the Oxford Brookes Institute of Public Care (IPC) to provide a framework to take forward the integration agenda across the Cwm Taf footprint and they had also assisted the authorities in formulating the response to the aforementioned consultation documents.

RESOLVED –

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To note the contents of the Welsh Government Policy statement – "Delivering Local Health Care" – Accelerating the pace of change.
3. To note the contents of the Welsh Government consultation document – "A Framework for Delivering Health and Social Care for Older People with Complex Needs", which confirms the Council's approach to formulating an appropriate response.

30. CWM TAF ADULT SAFEGUARDING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT – 1ST APRIL, 2012 TO 31ST MARCH, 2013

The Group Director, Community and Children's Services attached to his report at Appendix 1, the Cwm Taf Adult Safeguarding Board (CTASB) Annual Report 2012-2013 outlining Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil Councils activity under the Wales Interim Policy and Procedures for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults from Abuse.

A discussion ensued on the statistical information included in the Annual Report e.g. types of abuse reported, patterns of intervention etc. when it was

indicated by the Group Director, Community and Children's Services that Members will be given the opportunity to raise questions with representatives of the Care Council for Wales as they had been invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED –

1. To agree the contents of the Cwm Taf Adult Safeguarding Board Report.
2. To note the work undertaken by all staff in the protection of vulnerable adults.

**(Mrs.)M.E.Davies
Chair**

The meeting closed at 6.10 p.m.