



City and County of Swansea

Notes of the **Scrutiny Inquiry Panel – Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services**

Committee Room 5, Guildhall, Swansea - Guildhall, Swansea

Wednesday, 15 November 2017 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor M H Jones (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)
C L Philpott

Co-opted Member(s)
D Anderson-Thomas

Other Attendees
Mark Child

Cabinet Member - Health & Wellbeing

Officer(s)

Liz Jordan
Julie Thomas

Scrutiny Officer
Head of Child & Family Services

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): T J Hennegan, Y V Jardine, S M Jones and E J King

1 **Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interest**

No interests declared.

2 **Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services Inquiry Impact Report and follow up on progress**

Councillor Mark Child, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and Julie Thomas, Head of Child and Family Services attended the meeting to present the impact/follow up report.

The following issues were discussed:

- Panel concerned that Health lead was unable to attend the meeting.
- Western Bay agreed CAMHS as a joint priority for the Regional Partnership Board and driven it. This is welcomed by the Panel.
- Local Primary Care Mental Health Services are to be brought back into Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABMU) from April 2018 to enable integration with local provision. These services need to be more closely aligned with other services including schools, education and social services. Some progress has been made but it is minimal.

- A task and finish group has been set up to look at which model of primary care to take forward when it comes back to ABMU
- Welsh Government is funding 3 primary care CAMHS liaison posts across the region. The posts have been advertised but will only be appointed on an annual basis. Panel welcomes this funding but is concerned about time limited funding and whether this is sustainable
- Positive impact of the inquiry is the front door is being managed more effectively through management of the waiting list for children to be assessed, however it is not meant to be a gatekeeper service and there is still a wait for children to be seen. Panel concerned there is still an issue at CAMHS front door.
- Page 28 of the report, Appendix 1 ABMU Health Board Delivery Plan 2017-19 CAMHS – Panel concerned with some of the figures: Measure 2 hit 100% in March 2017 but was only 37.1% in July; Measure 3 was 50% in March 2017 but has been zero since then. It would be useful to see the numbers behind the percentages for these measures.

3 Panel to discuss thoughts on progress and agree feedback

The Panel discussed and made the following conclusions:

- 5 of the recommendations have been implemented fully, 6 have been partly implemented and 3 have not been implemented at all.
- Panel disappointed with speed of implementation and progress. However it acknowledges that there is some progress as some of the recommendations have been completed.
- Panel agreed it will reconvene in 9 to 12 months to review progress as not all of the recommendations have been completed, before monitoring can be concluded. The Panel will be looking for accelerated improvements and outcomes.

Following on from this meeting:

- a) A letter will be written from the Convener of the Panel to the Cabinet Member summarising the discussion and outlining the Panel's thoughts and recommendations.

The meeting ended at 11.10 am