



City and County of Swansea

## Notes of the **Scrutiny Performance Panel – Adult Services**

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Tuesday, 21 August 2018 at 1.00 pm

**Present:** Councillor P M Black (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**

J A Hale  
P K Jones  
G J Tanner

**Councillor(s)**

C A Holley  
J W Jones

**Councillor(s)**

P R Hood-Williams  
E T Kirchner

**Co-opted Member(s)**

T Beddow

**Officer(s)**

David Howes  
Liz Jordan  
Alex Williams

Director of Social Services  
Scrutiny Officer  
Head of Adult Services

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): Y V Jardine and S M Jones

Co-opted Member(s): K Guntrip

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**1 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

Disclosures of interest – Joe Hale, Chris Holley and Gloria Tanner

**2 Notes of meeting 17 July 2018**

The Panel agreed the notes as an accurate record of the meeting.

**3 Public Question Time**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

**4 Performance Monitoring Report**

Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services went through the Performance Monitoring Highlight Report, focussing on the main issues and answering questions. Dave Howes, Director of Social Services also attended.

Discussion points:

- Common Access Point (page 7) – Panel would like to see a graph included in the Performance Report so that fluctuations can be seen.
- Carers Identified and Whether Wanted Care Assessment (page 7) – since the recording system has been changed, the data now shows a much higher percentage as being offered the assessment.
- Long Term Domiciliary Care (page 8) – This is currently in a much healthier position than it was 12 months ago.
- Currently looking at an overspend of approximately £4 million in Adult Social Care this financial year. Mental Health is beginning to look a bit better. Learning Disabilities is now the greatest concern particularly supported living and residential care.
- Concern was expressed about the Health Board passing on costs to the Council regarding people with learning disabilities, which has contributed to the overspend in that area.
- Council and the Health Board are in discussions concerning continuing health care. A better collaborative arrangement is needed including pooled budgets.
- Delayed Transfers of Care (page 9) – Gorseinon Hospital is included in these figures and it is Gorseinon and Cefn coed where most of the delays are currently. A bid has been submitted to the Health Board to secure funding for another social worker to cover Gorseinon, and if agreed this will hopefully reduce delays.
- Reviews of Allocated Clients (page 9) – There has been significant improvement in recent figures particularly in the Learning Disability Team which had previously been a concern.
- Residential Reablement (page 10) – The criteria for reablement is being looked at, particularly in Bonymaen.
- Timeliness of Response to Safeguarding Issues (page 11) – the percentage for timely response has increased significantly. The Panel was pleased to hear this.
- Timeliness of Deprivation of Liberty Assessments (page 11) – Should see a real improvement in performance in the next quarterly performance report as new working arrangements have been put in place.
- Planned Future Developments to the Report (page 58) – Panel would like to see a timeline for future developments included in the next performance report. Panel also feel it would be useful to have financial information included in the report and want this added to the Wish List.

## **5 Work Programme Timetable 2018/19**

The Panel considered the work programme.

Actions:

- Add item to work programme for 20 November 2018 meeting - 'Wales Audit Office Report on Strategic Commissioning of Accommodation for People with Learning Disabilities'
- Panel agreed Chris Holley to act as convener for the additional Panel meeting on 17 September 2018 as Peter Black is unable to attend.

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The meeting ended at 2.30 pm