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Dear Councillors

Well Being Performance Panel on 3 March 2014

The Panel met on 3 March 2014 to consider the Institute of Public Care's review of Team around the Family (TAF) Arrangements in Swansea. The Panel spoke to Sue Peraj (Manager for TAF), Katy Burch (Principal Researcher) and Sian Bingham (Team Manager, Early Years Development).

Team Around the Family Review

The Panel were pleased to hear about the positive review of Swansea's Team around the Family arrangements and praised staff for their hard work in this service and in delivering these positive outcomes. The Panel were particularly pleased to hear that:

- There has been considerable growth in the number of families participating in TAF especially over the last 18 months
- TAF is working with a large number of pre-school children and their families in that 'window of opportunity' to intervene early
- There is strong alignment to key components found in research and identified as good practice in relation to TAF initiatives
- There has been a good impact on families with a different range of need levels
- The Swansea model is judged to be very cost effective

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The Panel did recognise that there are still many challenges to address within this service including:

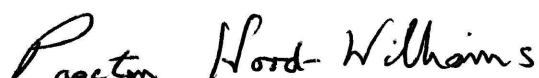
- High level of demand and limited resources within TAF team
- Getting the balance right for the TAF team in co-ordination of services and 1-1 work
- The need for Partner agencies to contribute more

Resulting from this discussion the Panel wish to highlight the following points:

1. The need for continued (and potential increased) workforce development and training around TAF issues particularly to help build confidence with other professionals around taking the key worker role
2. More work was needed to develop a better sign up from Partner organisation to TAF
3. Improved sustainability in the service is required because is financed by a number of funding streams. Part of the funding is from the European Social Fund that finishes in December this year. Do we have plans as to how this funding gap will be filled?

I hope you find this letter useful and informative and we look for to your reply.

Yours sincerely



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