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**Summary:** This is a letter from the Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel to The Cabinet Member for Services for Adults and Vulnerable People following the meeting of the Panel on 5 April 2017. The panel discussed objective setting for senior officers and intermediate care services.

Dear Councillor Harris,

This letter is about the Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel meeting held on 5 April 2017.

## **Objective Setting for Senior Officers**

We are grateful to Phil Roberts, Chief Executive, for attending at short notice and providing the Panel with a presentation on this topic.

It was useful for us to hear about the different accountabilities in the system and, in particular, the relationship between Cabinet and senior officers. Phil Roberts also underlined the difference between national government (civil service accountable to ministers) and local government (officers accountable to council).

In this context we were keen to emphasise the importance of scrutiny within the accountability framework and to stress that scrutiny needs to be properly resourced if it is to perform effectively.

We also welcomed the Chief Executive's commitment to make his objectives public in future.

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## **Local Area Coordination Evaluation Report**

I am writing to Councillor Mark Child (who attended for this item) about this separately and will copy you in.

### **Update of Western Bay Intermediate Care Services Model**

The Panel is grateful to Karen Gronert, Head of Nursing, ABMU, who attended for this item and gave a presentation, along with Alex Williams. It was really useful to hear about the progress being made and to see the collaborative approach making a difference in practice.

The Panel feels that the following points are important for you to be aware of going forward:

- We feel that more research into Swansea hospital admissions for those 80+ would be useful
- Accommodation issues in Gorseinon – while we note that a solution is being sought to this problem, it is something that we hope you will closely monitor
- Disparity in pay scales for Occupational Therapists between council and health staff – we learnt that local authority staff are paid a market supplement to address this issue and that the aspiration is to have common terms and conditions for all health and social care employees at some point. Again, this is an issue for you to monitor
- Ensuring the right performance indicators – the indicators for this service are to be included in the Adult Services Performance Framework and we expect scrutiny to be engaging closely with them in future

### **Review of the Year**

We briefly reviewed the Panel's work over the last 12 months and, for your awareness, here are the points we agreed:

#### *Issues for improvement:*

- Number of agenda items / length of presentations
- Work planning / early involvement of officers

#### *Topics for future scrutiny:*

- Local Area Coordination
- Intermediate care
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
- Focus on Performance Framework for Adult Services – at least quarterly

## **Closing Comments**

As this is the last letter for this municipal year can I add to Uta Clay's comments in her last letter and thank yourself and all of the offices for all of the help and support provided to the Panel.

## **Your Response**

While we welcome your comments on any matter raised in this letter, on this occasion a formal response is not required.

**Yours sincerely**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Black', written in a cursive style.

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