

Child and Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel Summary of the Year 2017/18

Could Panel members have a think about the following questions in relation to their year on the CFS Scrutiny Performance Panel in readiness for the discussion at the Panel?

1. What has gone well?	
2. What has not gone so well?	
3. Has the Panels work programme been focused on the right things?	
4. What have we learned that will help us with future CFS scrutiny?	

Summary of the Year 2017 – 2018

See below a summary of the year of activity carried out by the CFS Scrutiny Performance Panel

1. Work of the Panel this year

Topics suggested for scrutiny by Councillors, the public and officers for the year 2017/18 and whether they were completed by the panel are detailed as follows

- ✓ Overview of Child and Family Services in Swansea
- ✓ Role of CFS Panel including Terms of Reference and Draft Work Programme
- ✓ Performance Monitoring including adoption and Youth Offending Service, absenteeism, vacancies and agency workers
- ✓ Pre-decision scrutiny of Family Support Services Commissioning Review – Focusing of Children with Additional Needs and Disabilities
- ✓ Advocacy Update
- x Child Disability update
- ✓ Draft Budget proposals for CFS
- ✓ Prevention and Early Intervention
- ✓ Complaints Annual Report for CFS 2016/17
- x Corporate Parenting Board report

2. Data monitoring in 2017/18

Item monitored over the year:

- ✓ Monthly performance report July 2017
- ✓ Monthly performance report September 2017
- ✓ Second quarter performance report 2017/18
- ✓ Performance and progress of Western Bay Regional Adoption Service
- ✓ Performance and progress on Leaving Care System
- ✓ Monthly performance report January 2018
- ✓ Third quarter performance report 2017/18

Performance reports going to April 2018 meeting

Planning for the year ahead 2018/19

See below some items that can be scheduled for the coming year:

1. Some issues the panel identified but did not get chance to look at or require ongoing monitoring at present. These can be referred onto the new municipal year

- Impact of Prevention and Early Intervention in relation to CFS
- Corporate Parenting Board report
- Child disability update

2. Annual items to be scheduled for the new municipal year

- Monthly performance reports for CFS
- Quarterly performance reports for CFS
- Corporate Complaints Annual Report for CFS 2017/18 (Feb 19)
- Scrutiny of annual budget as it relates to CFS matters (Feb 19)

Other background information

- Number of times the CFS Scrutiny Performance Panel has met = 7
- Number of CFS related Conveners letters = 5 (not including April meeting)
- Councillor attendance across the Panel on average = 62% (not including April meeting)