



City and County of Swansea

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

Committee Room 3A - Guildhall, Swansea

Tuesday, 23 October 2018 at 3.30 pm

Present: Councillor P M Black (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

M C Child
C A Holley
J W Jones

Councillor(s)

V M Evans
Y V Jardine
E T Kirchner

Councillor(s)

J A Hale
S M Jones
G J Tanner

Co-opted Member(s)

T Beddow

Co-opted Member(s)

Katrina Guntrip

Other Attendees

Mark Child

Cabinet Member - Care, Health & Ageing Well

Officer(s)

Liz Jordan
Deborah Reed
Alex Williams

Scrutiny Officer
Interim Head of Adult Services
Head of Adult Services

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): P R Hood-Williams and P K Jones

1 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

Disclosures of interest – Chris Holley and Mark Child.

2 Notes of previous meeting

The Panel agreed the notes as an accurate record of the meeting held on 25 September 2018.

3 Public Question Time

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

4 Presentation on Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services presented an update on Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) and answered questions.

Discussion points:

- New arrangements for DoLS came into force in July 2018.
- There is now a dedicated team costing £250,000 per year. The Council only received in the region of £20,000 from Welsh Government towards the cost this year.
- Mental Capacity Assessments can in theory be undertaken by trained social workers/doctors/nurses. In Swansea, in the main only social workers and doctors undertake the assessments.
- Legislation on DoLS relates to residential care, and it is these cases that the dedicated team within the Council deals with. Another part of the legislation applies to people living in a community setting. These cases are currently prioritised by risk and are dealt with by the individual teams.
- The department feels that any new legislation should be targeted to focus on those more complex cases where there is a question mark surrounding capacity, rather than all those lacking capacity in a residential care setting.

Actions:

- Circulate presentation to Panel Members for information.

5 Update on how Council's Policy Commitments translate to Adult Services

Mark Child, Cabinet Member for Care, Health and Ageing Well attended to brief the Panel on progress made with the Council's policy commitments in relation to Adult Services.

The Panel was informed that the official update will not be available until signed off by Corporate Management Team and Cabinet. The Panel therefore agreed that this item be deferred until the official update is available.

Actions:

- Item 'Update on how Council's Policy Commitments translate to Adult Services' to be added to Work Programme for 11 December 2018 meeting.

6 Work Programme Timetable 2018/19

The Panel considered the Work Programme.

The Panel was informed that Alex Williams will shortly commence maternity leave. The newly appointed Interim Head of Adult Services, Deborah Reed attended the meeting. The Panel welcomed her and wished her well in her new role.

7 Letters

Letters received and considered by the Panel.

The meeting ended at 5.00 pm.