

Child and Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel Summary of the Year 2018/19

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 2018 – 2019

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 2018/19 and whether they were completed by the panel are detailed as follows

- ✓ Impact of Prevention and Early Intervention on CFS (under 11 and over 11 services)
- ✓ Review of the year 2017/18 and Work Programme 2018/19
- ✓ Adoption Update
- ✓ Advocacy Update
- ✓ Bright Spots Survey
- ✓ Report on Youth Offending Services
- ✓ Performance Monitoring including 16 plus (BAYS)
- ✓ Feedback on Inspection Report
- ✓ Corporate Parenting Board update (5 leads to be invited)
- ✓ Draft budget proposals for Child and Family Services
- ✓ Update on impact of Prevention and Early Intervention on Child and Family Services

- ✓ Safeguarding – Child Sexual Exploitation
- X Cabinet Member presentation and Q and A session
- X CFS Complaints Annual Report 2017-18
- ✓ Child Disability update
- ✓ Update on WG's LA LAC Reduction Expectation

2. Data monitoring in 2018/19

Item monitored over the year:

- ✓ Monthly performance report September 2018
- ✓ Performance and progress of Western Bay Regional Adoption Service
- ✓ Performance and progress of Western Bay Youth Justice and Early Intervention Service
- ✓ Monthly performance report November 2018
- ✓ Monthly performance report March 2019

Planning for the year ahead 2019/20

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

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

- Cabinet Member Presentation and Q&A
- Corporate Parenting Board update
- Update on progress with CAMHS (referred from CAMHS Inquiry Panel) (date to be agreed)
- Western Bay Justice Board presentation – invite representative to attend once end of year figures are available (date to be agreed)
- Audit on child protection registration of emotional abuse (date to be agreed)
- Report on Looked After Children Audit (date to be agreed)
- Wales Audit Office reports (dates to be confirmed) –
 - First Point of Contact Assessments under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (Joint Adult Services and CFS)
 - Integrated Care Fund (Joint Adult Services and CFS)
 - Care Experienced Children & Young People.

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

1. Monthly performance reports for CFS
2. Quarterly performance reports for CFS
3. Corporate Complaints Annual Report for CFS 2018-19 (Feb 20)
4. Scrutiny of annual budget as it relates to CFS matters (Feb 20)

3. Topic suggestions from Panel Members

- Why children become looked after
- Examples of tools and techniques employed by front line staff in family engagement
- Briefing on Youth Offending Service.

4. The Scrutiny Work Planning Conference is being held on 10 June. There may be some suggestions of items for this Panel for the new municipal year.

Other background information

- Number of times the CFS Scrutiny Performance Panel has met = 8
- Number of CFS related Conveners letters = 7
- Councillor attendance across the Panel on average = 76%