

Report of the Convener

Child and Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel – 9 March 2022

Child and Family Services Scrutiny Review of the Year 2021-22

Purpose:	As the municipal year ends, it is good practice to reflect on the Panel's work, experience, and effectiveness over the past year.
Content:	Summary of the Year's work 2021-22.
Councillors are being asked to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflect on the past year's work• Share ideas to improve the effectiveness of Child and Family Services Scrutiny.
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1.0 Background

- 1.1 As this is the final meeting of this municipal year, the Panel is invited to reflect on this year's scrutiny work, experience and effectiveness. Any ideas that will improve the effectiveness of the scrutiny of Child and Family Services are welcome.
- 1.2 Some of the questions the Panel may want to consider:
- What went well?
 - What did not go so well?
 - Has the Panel's work focused on the right things?
 - What have we learnt that will help us with future CFS scrutiny?
- 1.3 To aid Panel Members, a summary of the year's work has been included at 3.0.

2.0 Overview

- 2.1 The purpose of the Panel is to provide ongoing challenge to performance in Child and Family Social Services and Poverty and Prevention to ensure that as the Service is undergoing major change, performance is maintained and that further improvements are made across all areas of the Service.
- 2.2 Possible lines of enquiry - To regularly review performance in Child and Family Services including asking questions about performance and improvement,

focusing on outcomes, provision and leadership. To look at relevant data, commissioning reviews and anything that impacts on Child and Family Services in Swansea.

2.3 The Panel has a core membership of 10 councillors.

2.4 There have been 7 Panel meetings and 1 Joint Social Services Panel Meeting, with 7 Conveners letters sent to Cabinet Members to date. Overall Councillor attendance at the Panel for the year has been 80% to end of February 2022.

3.0 Child and Family Services Work Programme 2021-22

Date	Items Discussed
25 May 2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on progress with CAMHS 2. Briefing on Youth Offending Service
22 June 2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on Regional Adoption Service 2. Initial feedback from CIW Assurance Visit 3. Draft Work Programme 2021/22
11 August 2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performance Monitoring 2. CIW Assurance Visit Full Report 3. Outcome from Ty Nant CIW Inspection
21 September 2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress on Child and Family Improvement Programme 2. Corporate Parenting Board Update 3. Appreciative Inquiry Video (in closed session)
13 December 2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performance Highlight Report and Emergency Staffing Plan 2. Ty Nant – Update on progress with action plan (in closed session)
25 January 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performance Highlight Report and Emergency Staffing Plan
14 February 2022 Joint Social Services Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft Budget Proposals for Adult Services / Child and Family Services 2. Update on Management of Covid-19 Pandemic and Staffing Issues
9 March 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Briefing on IICSA Inquiry Report: Child Sexual Exploitation by Organised Networks (Presentation) 2. Youth Justice Inspection Report (Presentation) 3. Verbal Update on Emergency Staffing

4.0 The Future Work Programme

4.1 The future work programme will be discussed at the first Child and Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel in the new municipal year.