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## Panel Perfformiad Craffu - Gwasanaethau I Oedolion

Lleoliad: Ystafell Bwyllgor 3A, Neuadd y Ddinas, Abertawe

Dyddiad: Dydd Mawrth, 10 Hydref 2017

Amser: 3.30 pm

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Cynullydd: Y Cynghorydd Peter Black

Aelodaeth:

Cynghorwyr: V M Evans, C A Holley, P R Hood-Williams, S M Jones, J W Jones,

A Pugh a/ac G J Tanner

Aelodau Cyfetholedig: T Beddow a/ac K Guntrip

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Huw Evans

Huw Eons

Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Democrataidd

Dydd Mawrth, 3 Hydref 2017

Cyswllt: Liz Jordan 01792 637314





**City and County of Swansea** 

# Minutes of the Scrutiny Performance Panel – Adult Services

Committee Room 3A, Guildhall, Swansea

Wednesday, 20 September 2017 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillor P M Black (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)Councillor(s)Councillor(s)V M EvansC A HolleyP R Hood-Williams

S M Jones

Co-opted Member(s) Co-opted Member(s)

T Beddow K Guntrip

Officer(s)

Liz Jordan Scrutiny Officer

Alex Williams Head of Adult Services
Steve Porter Housing Options Manager

**Apologies for Absence** 

Councillor(s): J W Jones and G J Tanner

#### 1 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

Disclosure of interests – Chris Holley.

#### 2 Notes of meeting on 8 August 2017

The Panel agreed the notes as an accurate record of the meeting.

# 3 Prevention including (i) Update on Local Area Coordination (LAC) and (ii) Supporting People

Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services outlined the approach to Prevention. Steve Porter from Housing also attended for this item to answer questions on Supporting People.

#### Information, Advice and Assistance Strategy

Discussion points:

Concern about access to Social Services pages from front page of Council website

# Minutes of the Scrutiny Performance Panel – Adult Services (20.09.2017) Cont'd

Panel would like to know more about the DEWIS information platform

#### Actions:

- Letter to be sent to Cabinet Member for Service Transformation and Business Operations concerning access to Social Services pages on the website
- Brief presentation on DEWIS platform to be scheduled for a future meeting.

#### **Local Area Coordination**

#### Discussion points:

- Risk to the sustainability of the approach due to time limited partnership funding.
- Performance data to be developed to show the contribution of Local Area Coordinators. Panel to be kept informed on progress

#### **Adult Family Group Conferencing**

#### Agreed:

Panel would like more detail on this change in approach and how it works.

#### Actions:

- Alex Williams to provide a copy of the Safeguarding Member Induction Training for the 2 co-optees for information
- Alex Williams to provide more detail to the Panel on section 6 of the Prevention report, particularly 6.4 and 6.5
- Alex Williams to provide some scenarios to help the Panel understand Adult Family Group Conferencing.

#### **Commissioning Strategy**

#### Discussion points:

Commissioning Strategy to be developed after Prevention Strategy agreed.
 Work on the Commissioning Strategy will commence early in the new year.

#### **Financial Implications**

#### Discussion points:

 The Panel feels it would be useful to use a pilot approach when shifting resource from more formal forms of care to a more prevention/early intervention approach.

#### 4 Overview of Western Bay Programme

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This item was postponed to a future meeting.

#### 5 Work Programme 2017- 18

#### Actions:

- Reschedule 'Overview of Western Bay Programme' to meeting on 21 November 2017. Include 'Governance' as part of the item
- Add 'Presentation on DEWIS platform' to future work programme. (Provisionally added to 16 January 2018 meeting)
- Send letter to Cabinet Member following the meeting for information.

The meeting ended at 4.30 pm



# Report of the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

# Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### ADULT SERVICES PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

Purpose	The purpose of this report is to present the Adult				
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	Services Performance Framework.				
Content	<ul> <li>The Performance Framework is designed to monitor performance across Adult Services.</li> <li>This is the third time that such a report has been presented to the Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel. The report has been developed on the basis of the feedback provided by the Panel.</li> <li>Members will note that there are two reports attached. The first is a summary report with headline indicators which demonstrate the general health of the Adult Services overall system. The second is the more detailed report that has been previously reported with a summary at the beginning.</li> <li>Monitoring performance in this way is still very much work in progress and there are several areas for future development towards the end of the report.</li> <li>The report demonstrates the areas of business that are performing well and less well, and is designed to be an operational tool to help continually improve service quality and delivery.</li> <li>Similarly to the Performance Framework that Child and Family has developed over the years, it is anticipated that the Framework will be an evolving document.</li> </ul>				
Councillors are being asked to	Consider the Report				
Lead	Councillor Mark Child, Cabinet Member for Health and				
Councillor(s)	Wellbeing				
Lead Officer(s)	Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services				
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# ADULT SERVICES SUMMARY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION REPORT DATA FOR JULY / AUGUST 2017

# **HEADLINE REPORT**



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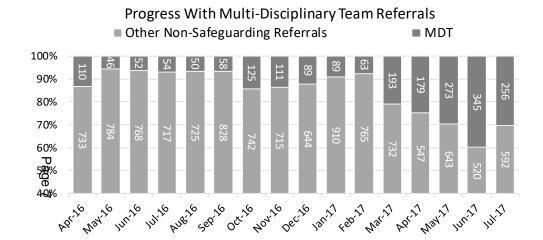
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#### **Common Access Point**

The service has been piloting various ways of delivering an effective Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) approach, in line with the Western Bay 'optimal model'. In April 2016, 13% of enquiries came in via the Common Access Point. By June 2017, this proportion had increased to 40%.



#### **Carers Identified and Whether Wanted Carer Assessment**

Month	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Month Trend	Direction of Travel
Identified Carers	50	37	47	Ŷ	High
Offered Assessment	43	34	40	Ŷ	High
% offered assessment	86.0%	91.9%	85.1%	•	High
Declined Assessment	23	20	24	•	Low
% declined assessment	53.5%	58.8%	60.0%	•	Low
Wanted Assessment	18	10	14	1	High
% wanted assessment	41.9%	29.4%	35.0%	1	High
Received Carers Assessment / Review	60	55	47	•	High

The number of carers identified has been broadly lower since April 2016. Nonetheless, the proportion who do not wish to receive a separate carer assessment has remained steady and represents a small majority of carers.

#### Whether Carer Wanted Assessment



#### **Long-Term Domiciliary Care**

The most significant area of concern is that we appear to have be rapidly-nearing an operational ceiling in terms of the availability of care hours across the whole industry.

Month	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Month Trend	Direction of Travel
New starters	71	55	59	•	Low
Of which					
In-house	18	29	21	1	Low
External	53	26	38	•	Low
% internal	25.4%	52.7%	35.6%	1	Low
Receiving Care at Month End	1,295	1,319	1,325	•	Low
¬ Of which:					
က် G In-house	160	173	170	•	Low
∞ External	1,135	1,146	1,155	•	Low
% internal	12.4%	13.1%	12.8%	1	Low
Hours Delivered in Month	67,502	69,507	68,556	<b>^</b>	Low
Of which:					
In-house	7,810	7,697	7,923	4	Low
External	59,692	61,810	60,633	4	Low
% internal	11.6%	11.1%	11.6%	•	Low
Average Weekly Hours	12.9	10.9	12.4	•	Low
Of which:					
In-house	9.8	10.8	10.5	Ŷ	Low
External	13.4	10.9	12.7	•	Low
% internal	75.9%	98.7%	84.7%	Ŷ	Low

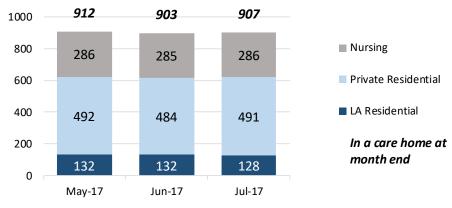
The average number of hours provided by the independent sector each month during 2014/15 was 58,000. We now see 64-68,000 as the norm. In the same year, in-house home care averaged 5,400 hrs/month. Since April 2016, this now averages 8,000 hrs/month.

#### **Residential Care for Older People**

The numbers being admitted to residential care are relatively higher than was anticipated by the Western Bay intermediate care modelling work. For sustainable operation, admissions need to be under [30] each month.

Permanent Residential Care for People Aged 65+	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Month Trend	Direction of Travel
Admissions	48	25	28	•	Low
Discharges	40	36	28		High
In a care home at					
month end	912	903	907	•	Low
Of which:					
LA Residential	132	132	128	4	Low
Private Residential	492	484	491	•	Low
Nursing	286	285	286	•	Low

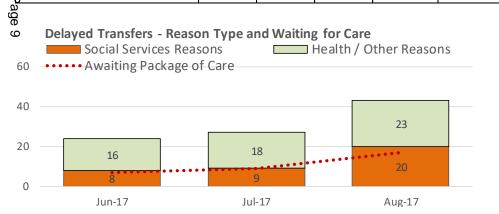
#### People in Place in Residential / Nursing Care



#### **Delayed Transfers of Care (DToCs)**

The impact of the domiciliary care service ceiling being approached is that it is harder to set care up for people. This has an impact on people waiting in hospital and is evidenced by recent DToCs data.

Delayed Transfers	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Month Trend	Direction of Travel
Total Delays	24	27	43	•	Low
Of which					
Health / Other Reasons	16	18	23	•	Low
Social Services Reasons	8	9	20	•	Low
% social services	33.3%	33.3%	46.5%	•	Low
Awaiting Package of Care	7	9	17	•	Low
% of Social Services	87.5%	100.0%	85.0%	•	Low
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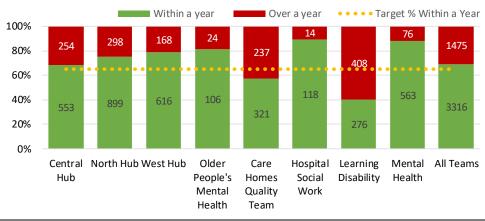


#### **Reviews of Allocated Clients**

Routine reviewing and re-assessing of clients receiving a package of care is a significant requirement placed on social services department. We have identified that the Learning Disability service needs to make rapid progress in reviewing its clients, and we will be setting targets for improvement. We will also consider how to improve performance within CHQT particularly.

Number of Allocated Social Work / Review Cases & Time Since Latest Assessment of Need	Last Assessm Ye	nent Within a ar	Last Asse Over a		
Team	Number of Clients	% of Clients	Number of Clients	% of Clients	
Central Hub	553	68.5%	254	31.5%	
North Hub	899	75.1%	298	24.9%	
West Hub	616	78.6%	168	21.4%	
Older People's MH Team	106	81.5%	24	18.5%	
Care Homes Quality Team	321	57.5%	237	42.5%	
Hospital Social Work	118	89.4%	14	10.6%	
Learning Disability	276	40.4%	408	59.6%	
Mental Health	563 88.1% 76				
All Teams	3,316	69.2%	1,475	30.8%	

#### **Allocated Clients Latest Assessment**



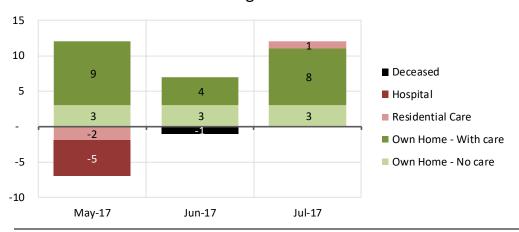
#### **Effectiveness of Reablement**

#### Residential Reablement

The residential reablement service continues to provide effective reablement and the majority of people go home rather than into institutional care. The increase in the length of stay should be noted as it may also reflect issues within the domiciliary care market, which a good proportion of clients require to move on.

Leaving Residential Reablement	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Month Trend	Direction of Travel
Left Residential Reablement	19	8	12	1	High
Of which					
Own Home - No care	3	3	3		High
Own Home - With care	9	4	8	•	High
Residential Care	- 2		1	-	Low
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Peceased		- 1		-	Low
% went home	63.2%	87.5%	91.7%	•	High
Average Length of Stay (Days)	35.3	40.6	32.2	<b>^</b>	Low

#### Destination On Leaving Residential Reablement

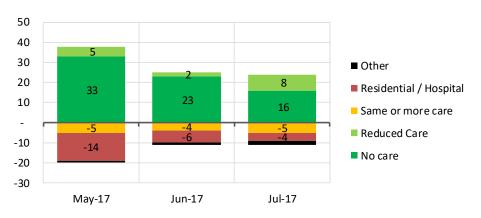


#### **Community Reablement**

The data on community reablement is unfortunately not as robust as data relating to residential reablement and we will be taking action to improve the data quality, coverage and completeness.

As with residential reablement, the increase in average length of service is also likely to be indicative of issues within the wider domiciliary care market.

Leaving Community Reablement	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Month Trend	Direction of Travel
<b>Left Community Reablement</b>	58	36	35	•	High
Of which					
No care	33	23	16	•	High
Reduced Care	5	2	8	1	High
Same or more care	- 5	- 4	- 5	1	Low
Residential / Hospital	- 14	- 6	- 4	•	Low
Other	- 1	- 1	- 2	•	Low
% reduced / no care	65.5%	69.4%	68.6%	•	High
Average Days in Service	76.0	93.0	86.0	•	Low

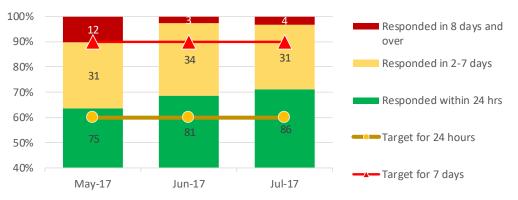


#### **Timeliness of Response to Safeguarding Issues**

Improving performance in timely response to safeguarding enquiries is welcome. We continue to seek ways to improve the quality of enquiries so that a larger proportion are thresholded.

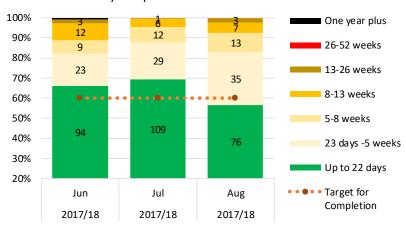
Month	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Month Trend	Direction of Travel
<b>Enquiries Received</b>	122	122	126	1	High
Timeliness of Response					
Responded within 24 hrs	75	81	86	1	High
% responded within 24 hrs	61.5%	66.4%	68.3%	•	High
Responded within 7 days	106	115	117	•	High
% responded within 7 days	86.9%	94.3%	92.9%	-	High
Awaiting response	4	4	5	•	Low
% awaiting response	3.3%	3.3%	4.0%	•	Low
Butcome					
Threshold Met	51	40	52	1	High
% Threshold met	41.8%	32.8%	41.3%	•	High
Threshold Not Met	63	72	63	•	Low
% Threshold met	51.6%	59.0%	50.0%	1	Low

#### **Timeliness of response to Safeguarding Enquiry**



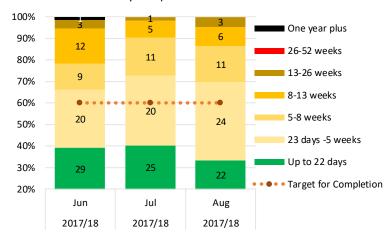
#### **Timeliness of Deprivation of Liberty Assessments**

Timely Completion of BIA & Doctor Assessments



While the overall completion rate for DoLS assessments has mostly met the target, this masks that there is an issue with timeliness for the majority of BIA assessments.

Timely Completion of BIA Assessments



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# Key Expectations, Standards & Performance

## **Summary of Expectations, Standards & Performance**

Throughout this report, each series of information is prefaced by a brief summary of any national or local performance indicators and performance against those.

For subjects where there are no indicators or indicators that do not assist the reader to evaluate performance, we have provided some commentary to assist the reader.

Additional commentary is provided throughout the text.

#### **Common Access Point (CAP)**

We continue to deal with a large volume of requests for support via the <u>Common Access Point</u> (p.6). We have been successful in improving the number of people being dealt with at the CAP by means of information, advice and assistance (p.7).

We have strengthened the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) approach to triaging incoming requests for support (p.8). We believe that the MDT approach is helping to prevent unnecessary assessments and we have taken steps to improve the flow work through to the rest of the service.

We will continue to improve our recording arrangements for Third Sector Broker activities to develop stronger intelligence on our use of the third sector to support the population (p.8).

#### Local Area Co-ordination (LAC)

Improved recording mean has resulted in higher recorded numbers of introductions to the service. Our performance team will continue to work with the LAC Team to ensure that they are recording their activities accurately (p.10).

#### **Delayed Transfers of Care**

We have been supporting our NHS Hospital colleagues by continuing to focus on ensuring the pathway home from hospital is as speedy as possible and social care related delays are minimised (p.11).

We met the performance target set for SCa001 for 2016/17. Performance in the new Measure 18 for 2017/18 has been hampered by difficulties in setting up packages of care (p.11).

Improved validation processes in some service areas has improved performance.

#### **Assessment and Care Management**

We are aware that enquiry-handling, assessment and care management practice across the department is in need of some refreshment and renewal. In particular, we need to review our approach to assessment to ensure it fits with the Social Services and Well-Being Act, and that we can ensure that we have effective reviewing arrangements to help people to remain independent. We will be developing a practice framework for social work during 2017/18 and we will be carrying out a range of data cleansing and analysis activities at the same time.

Integrated Health and Social Care Services

Activity continues to be sustained (pp. 16-20)but fewer teams are achieving better than an average of 30 days for completing assessments of need (p. 20)

Mental Health

The service continues to provide assessment for those requiring mental health support (pp. 22-23)

#### **Community Reablement:**

The service met both locally –set targets for 2016/17 set against the new national performance indicators (p.24).

There have been some improvements in the effectiveness of the community reablement service during the year (p. 26-27) but the evidence is incomplete. More work is needed to ensure that all outcomes are recorded correctly by the teams.

#### **Residential Reablement**

There has been sustained improvement in the effectiveness of the residential reablement service since it strengthened its acceptance criteria in Autumn 2015 (p.28, p.30)

#### **Permanent Residential / Nursing Care**

While we have been able to reduce further the number of people who are supported in residential care at a point in time (p.31), we continue to see admissions running at a higher level than we would like (p.32). We have therefore introduced a Panel to test and challenge decisions made about new and temporary placements into residential and nursing care, and will need to monitor whether these arrangements help to reduce admissions overall.

# Key Expectations, Standards & Performance

#### **Temporary Placements to Residential / Nursing Care**

We provide analysis on the use of temporary placements on pp. 33-36. Through the Panel arrangements, temporary placements can now only be made for a maximum of two weeks. This appears to have created a higher level of throughput (p.34) and although this appears to have calmed we will need to continue monitoring.

## **Domiciliary Care**

In this report we are providing some developmental data on **Brokerage**. This provides a more detailed analysis of the issues relating to making arrangements for people to receive domiciliary care.

The numbers of people receiving a package of care has increased (p.40) and as a result of marginal increases in the average package size (p.43), the total number of hours provided each month has grown disproportionately (p.42). The number of people starting to receive long-term domiciliary care during 2016/17 exceeded the number of starters for the same period in 2015/16 (p.41). However this has not continued into 2017/18 (to date).

We are concerned about these metrics as they could indicate that there are issues with our reablement strategy that need to be explored. We have mapped the routes into long-term domiciliary care to ensure that effective decisions are made and that people are not over or under supported. We are now working to a plan based on this analysis and have started to take some remedial actions.

#### **Safeguarding Adults**

This is an area of critical focus due to the need to ensure that people are safeguarded. We continue to take great pains to ensure that our work is as effective as possible, keeping people safe and reducing the risk of further abuse or neglect.

While performance lagged on timeliness of response to safeguarding enquiries during the earlier part of 2016/17, performance had got back on track in Q2-3 (p.44. 47). While performance dipped in Q4 but it has since improved in the early part of 2017/18. Close scrutiny of this by the Principal Officer and Head of Service is being carried out.

#### **Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)**

DoLS has become a national adult social services issue due to the unprecedented increase in statutory work created by a significant legal ruling. With typically a hundred requests arriving monthly, the challenge continues (p.48).

It has been a testing year for DoLS work in Swansea but currently the situation has become much better, with the current backlog almost cleared. We continue to monitor this area of work.

Welsh Government expects the core elements of the process to be completed in 21 days. Since April 2017 we have achieved this in 58.6% of cases, just under our 2017/18 target of 60%. Close scrutiny however continues at both Head of Service and Principal Officer to ensure that compliance to timescales improves.

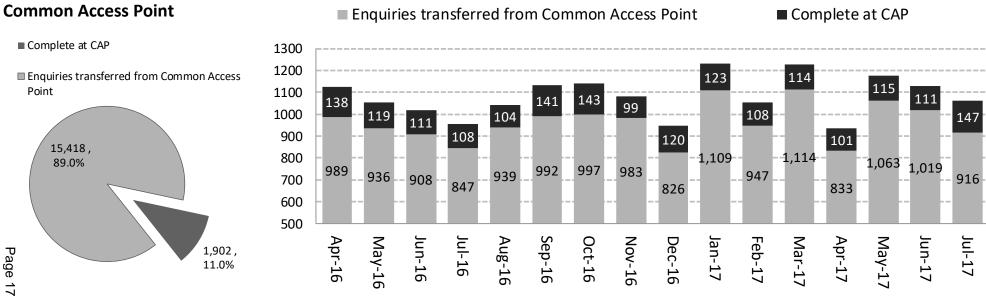
# **Common Access Point (CAP)**

The Common Access Point continues to be reviewed for function and purpose. During 2016/17, the key expectations for the service and outcomes against those are set out below. (This service may also be referred to as 'Intake' or 'the front door'.)

Summary of Expectations / Standards	Summary of Outcomes / Performance
There is a new national performance measure. Measure 23: The percentage of adults who have received support from the information, advice and assistance service and have not contacted the service again during the year. An initial target of 80% has been set for 2017/18.	We have now prepared a method to produce the information. Performance for 2016/17 was <b>86.4%.</b> We lack contextual information to allow us to determine what would be appropriate performance levels, but will need to develop this in 2017/18.  As at July 2017, performance on this indicator is on target at <b>81.9%.</b>
To pilot and develop use of a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) approach in order to triage enquiries received.	Improvements had been made during 2016/17 and more cases were being considered by the MDT function, it remained a key deliverable to improve the range and effectiveness of the MDT function. If we get the MDT function right, we should be able to manage demand more effectively into Adult Services. In more recent months a more robust set of arrangements is delivering considerably more cases being considered by the MDT function
We wish to increase the number and proportion of enquiries completed at the Common Access Point rather than referral onwards, diverting to signposting or third party organisations	The number of enquiries completed at Common Access Point has increased but the proportion of the total closed down at the CAP could be improved further. However, the gains from more comprehensive use of MDT may compensate for this.
We wish to make effective us of the Third Sector Broker arrangements.	We have improved the recording process and the Performance & Information Team continues to work with staff and managers to continue the improvements. We do now, however, have an agreed set of performance metrics in place with the deliverer of this service, so once the recording process is addressed we will have rich data to draw on to monitor the effectiveness of the arrangements.

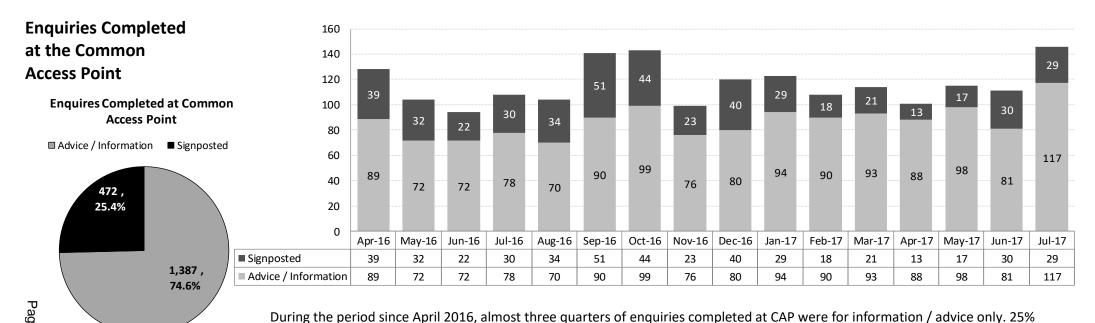
# **Enquiries Received at Common Access Point**

# **Enquiries Processed Via Common Access Point**



During the period April 2016 – July 2017, 89% of enquiries were processed via the CAP are passed through to other teams. 11% of enquiries are completed at CAP.

What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?
The number of enquiries appears to be relatively constant, suggesting relative stability in the amount of work coming through.	Initially we had hoped to see higher numbers dealt with at CAP. However, the move to a more robust MDT has complicated the picture. The development of the overall information, advice and assistance offer across the Council will also have an impact.	Continue to work with Team Manager to improve recording of activity within CAP.
January 2017 saw considerably higher numbers of enquiries processed.	Larger than average numbers of enquiries have come through CAP since January. A more typical number was processed during February and April.	We will continue to monitor for sustained changes to patterns of referral.



What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?
The number of enquiries completed at intake appears to be relatively constant, suggesting relative stability in the amount of work coming through.	We are aware of issues in recording the complexity of working with preventative services (Local Area Coordination, Independent Living). There is a need to clarify what is 'signposting'.	The Performance Team will be monitoring the information being recorded and we will be making recommendations to CAP Team Manager.
DFG requests are no longer completed in CAP and are passed directly into the Integrated Community Hubs for appropriate assessment.	Not applicable.	No further action required.

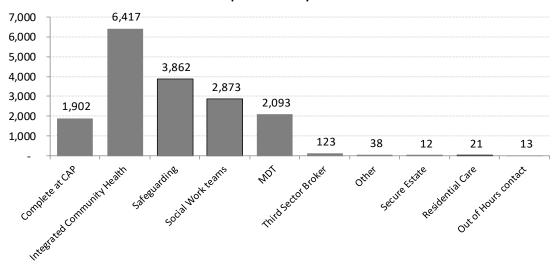
were signposted.

#### **Destination of Enquiries Initiated at the Common Access Point**

Enquiries Processed Via Common Access Point	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	2016-17	% of total
Complete at CAP	138	119	111	108	104	141	143	99	120	123	108	114	101	115	111	147	1,902	11.0%
Integrated community health teams	343	415	424	388	419	476	395	417	371	501	448	457	350	383	309	321	6,417	37.0%
Safeguarding	284	225	199	184	268	247	273	256	213	233	227	303	208	262	265	215	3,862	22.3%
Social Work teams	240	237	227	214	201	203	202	195	145	278	192	146	81	115	89	108	2,873	16.6%
MDT	110	46	52	54	50	58	125	111	89	89	63	193	179	273	345	256	2,093	12.1%
Third Sector Broker	12	13	6	4	ı	5	2	4	6	7	6	12	12	18	8	8	123	0.7%
EDT	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	ı	4	0.0%
Secure Estate	ı	-	-	1	1	2	ı	-	1	1	-	ı	1	1	1	3	12	0.1%
Total Referrals Completed	1,127	1,055	1,019	955	1,043	1,133	1,140	1,082	946	1,232	1,055	1,228	934	1,178	1,130	1,063	17,320	100%
Enquiries transferred from																		
Common Access Point	989	936	908	847	939	992	997	983	826	1,109	947	1,114	833	1,063	1,019	916	15,384	89%



# Destination of Enquiry at Common Access Point April 2016 - July 2017



**Note:** we continue to work on ways of summarising this data and as such there is a lack of complete alignment with the later data provided on referrals. Note also that this data refers to enquiries and not the number of individuals to whom an enquiry relates. In practice, the way we work can result in multiple enquiries for an individual.

'Integrated community health teams' refers to OTs, physios and specialist NHS community health disciplines provided within the Hubs. The 6,417 break down roughly as 2,380 OT enquiries, 1,300 physio enquiries, 2,600 specialist community health and the remainder additional specialist referrals. Since April 2016, they received 37% of enquiries received at CAP.

'Social work teams' refers to social work services provided within the Hubs. They received 16.6% of enquiries received at the CAP. A small number of learning disability referrals (dozens) may also be included here. 22.3% of referrals related to safeguarding and were distributed appropriately across all teams.

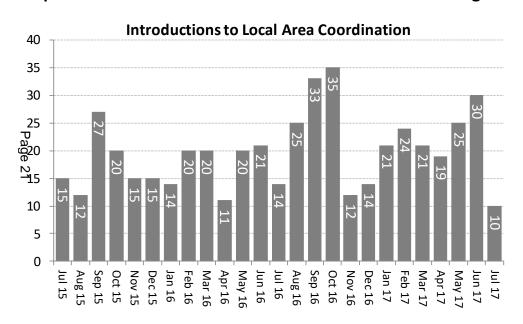
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Increased referrals to the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) have occurred periodically. More robust arrangement in place from March 2017 onwards. The MDT carries out proportionate triage in order to divert	The MDT arrangements have taken some time to develop and has not been staffed consistently.  There were fewer MDT referrals in July compared to	New arrangements to strengthen the MDT approach have been established, but we will monitor to ensure numbers are maintained.		
or establish need for further assessment	June	Assistant Team Manager carrying out quality assurance checks on a sample of referrals to establish whether they were handled / recorded correctly.		
The anticipated high number of safeguarding referrals was processed due to the anniversary of the relevant court judgment that drove up DOLS referrals.	There have been fluctuations in the number of safeguarding referrals periodically since April 2016.  During the Autumn, this was due to specific issues relating to a particular residential home; a pro-active plan with CSSIW and the Health Board was enacted to address these issues.	We are going to examine the data for 2017 to establish whether there are other factors driving safeguarding referrals, such as need for service providers to receive advice on training on making relevant safeguarding referrals.		
We are able to record 3 <sup>rd</sup> sector broker referrals if the elevant Paris process is followed. Third sector broker referrals have resumed in September 2016	Nil return for August reflects absence of 3 <sup>rd</sup> sector broker.	Performance management staff are working with the service to develop appropriate recording processes to support Third Sector Broker activity.		

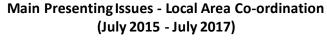
# **Prevention & Early Intervention**

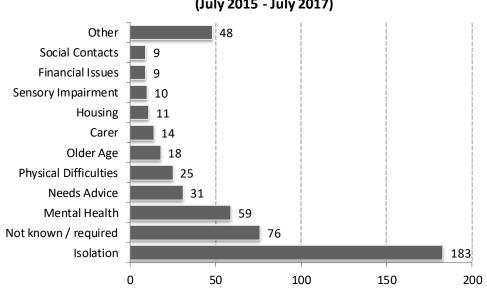
## **Local Area Co-ordination (LAC)**

Summary of Expectations / Standards	Summary of Outcomes / Performance	
Local performance indicator SUSC5 set a target of 35 new service each quarter during 2016/17. For 2017/18, this has quarter.		_

#### Requests fo r Local Area Co-ordination and Main Presenting Issues







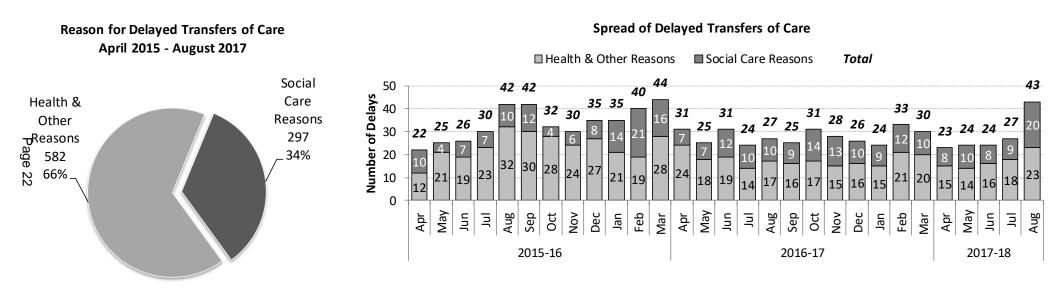
'Other' includes categories of less than 9 introduction reasons in the period, including Child and Family, Community Tension, Drug and Alcohol, Learning Difficulties, Benefits, Dementia, Social Contacts, Domestic Violence and Employment.

What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?
There is a basic database in operation to capture information about the people who come forward or are referred to the team.	Technical recording problems and suspension of introductions in one area have also reduced recorded numbers for some periods.	Work has commenced on a modernised information system to replace the existing system.

# **Delayed Transfers of Care**

# **Delayed Transfers of Care**

Summary of Expectations / Standards	Summary of Outcomes / Performance
National performance indicator SCA001 has been replaced with Measure 19 under the Social Services and Well-Being Act performance arrangements. It differs from SCA001 to include only those delays where person is aged 75+. The target for the year 2017/18 has been set as less than 4 per 1,000 adults aged 75+.	Performance for 2016/17 met the target, coming in at <b>5.8</b> in line with projections.  For 2017/18, performance is projected to be <b>6.1</b> based on data to August, influenced substantially by the large number of delays in August.

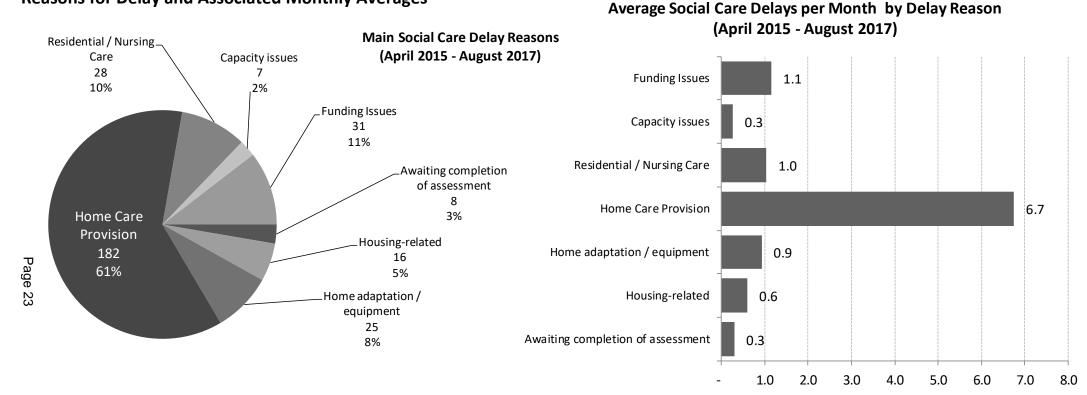


The above data records the monthly Census of delays in transfers of care. This refers to people who are delayed in hospital for social care, health or other reasons. Typically delays for social care reasons represent slightly over a third of all delays. The most common reason for delay is usually delay in start of package of home care.

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# **Delayed Transfers of Care**

#### **Reasons for Delay and Associated Monthly Averages**



The above data shows that of the **277** delays for social care reasons recorded at Census day since April 2015, the most common reason delays in arranging an appropriate package of care to support a person in their own home with 165 (or 60%). There is an average of 6.3 delays a month for this reason. Around 10% of delays relate to delays in arranging for residential / nursing placements to be made, with an average of 1.1 for this reason each month.

Delays due to incomplete assessment are infrequent, with only 5 recorded in 28 months (0.2 per month). Typically an average of 1.2 persons delayed for social care funding reasons (not necessarily for residential care).

# Delayed Transfers of Care

What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?
Social care delays had been relatively stable though declining since March 2017.	Significant worsening in numbers of individuals delayed due to waiting for package of home care, with notable deterioration in August 2017.	We will continue to maintain focus on facilitating early discharge. We want to develop and use better evidence about delays to address the issues that are identified
Delays for package of home care starting had been kept to a reasonable number.  Page 24	Increasing numbers delayed since June 2017. Issues with capacity in the home care market are expected to continue to cause difficulties.	We continue to seek ways to improve the availability of hours of care to people who need care to return home.  We are actively working with providers to ensure capacity is available. Effective procedures are in place to escalate cases where there is a social care delay for whatever reason, and targeted activity is undertaken by both the hospital and community teams to expedite discharges. We recognise that we do have issues over availability of packages of care in the external sector, but wherever possible we put interim arrangements in place to deliver this care using the internal service.
The arrangements for recording and reporting delayed transfers are well-established	The established method focuses on a single census day each month, which does not take account of the broader flow of patients throughout the month.	Software and processes to support more real-time reporting of delays during the month are in development.
We have re-established appropriate validation processes in place in relation to Learning Disability and Mental Health sites, working with colleagues in the Health Board. This has resulted in fewer recorded as delayed and some retrospective errors were detected through this process.		Validation on LD and MH cases will continue.

# **Assessment & Care Management**

# **Assessment and Care Management**

All the data provided here comes from Paris and various elements of terminology have been translated in order to assist in explaining how the data is being represented. Safeguarding referrals and assessments are dealt with in a later section of this document.

Summary of Expectations / Standards	Summary of Outcomes / Performance
There is a local indicator AS10 which reflects the percentage of people who were due an assessment of social care need that received an assessment.  For 2017/18, a target of 65% was set.	Performance at 31 March 2017 was 65% and the service has now embarked on a process of development to create a practice framework for social work and to cleanse a large quantity of records.  By the end of August 2017, performance remained at <b>68%</b> .
There are no formal standards for the completion of enquiries and assessments, although 30 days would seem to be a reasonable expectation for many assessment types.	Performance data has been refined (see below). Most teams are achieving an average below 30 days for social work assessments.  We continue to implement the Social Services and Well-Being Act and to introduce proportionate assessments.
Within Mental Health Services (only), there is a requirement under the Mental Health Measure to ensure that anyone who had an active Care and Treatment Plan in place should have that plan reviewed at least annually.	Performance in this area is known to be better than in other areas of the service due to the impact of the MH Measure. We are working to bring this data to a subsequent edition of this report

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## **Integrated Social Care and Health Services**

#### **Teams**

In order to make reporting of the data meaningful, we have grouped the 30 Paris general and specialist teams together into specific groups for the purpose of reporting. Principal Officers are provided with team-level data on a monthly basis.

Teams included in this section are:

- Central / North / West Hubs includes the three social work Hub teams with a range of OT and physiotherapy staff, including both local authority and NHS workers.
- Specialist Practitioners refers to community health specialist services e.g. continence. They also work across the Central / North / West hubs.
- Sensory Services relates to specialist sensory and younger adults workers
- Hospital Team refers to the social work teams at Morriston and Singleton
   Hospitals
  - The Care Homes Quality Team is a social work team that works with those living in residential and nursing care
- The Older People's Mental Health Team is the social work team working directly with those older people experiencing dementia and requiring specialist social work support.
- Service Provision Teams groups referrals or requests for specific service(s) to all areas of service provision, but notably brokerage for domiciliary care and the community reablement service (aka DCAS).
- Sensory Services relates to specialist social work support for people with visual or hearing impairment.

#### **Types of Enquiries**

With over 50 enquiry types reflecting the range of support provided to the community, we have classified the enquiry types to help make sense of the data and to allow for meaningful comparison.

- MDT / Advice / Info are enquiries that are dealt with as part of the multidisciplinary screening process that has been piloted during the year. Note that many of these are dealt with at the Common Access Point.
- Care Management Input enquiries relate to requests for initial, review or specialist assessment by a social worker, including 'proportional assessment' under the new Act formerly known locally as 'integrated assessment'. Also included are enquiries requesting joint assessment or to support discharge from hospital.
- OT Input and Physio Input refer respectively to requests for OT or
  physiotherapy assessment, review or other input. The OT service includes staff
  employed by both social services and the NHS. Physiotherapy is exclusively
  provided by the NHS via the Hubs.
- Specialist NHS Input refers to enquiries to the community health specialisms such as incontinence which are delivered area-wide.
- Service Requests refers most commonly to enquiries relating to domiciliary
  care and community reablement but other services are also included e.g.
  respite. These enquiries only rarely relate to brand new requests for support
  and most enquiries relate to package adjustments etc.
- Other Enquiry Types includes specialist technical sensory impairment enquiries, requests for AMHP assessments and a small number of enquiries relating to more specialist services e.g. substance misuse.

#### **Enquiries / Assessments and People**

The tables and charts below reflect counts and proportions of enquiries and people. This is an important distinction since over time individual **people** commonly accrue enquiry **events** of different types. For the period since April 2015, for example, the average number of referrals for each person who has been referred is 2.

All references below distinguish between people and enquiries and assessments

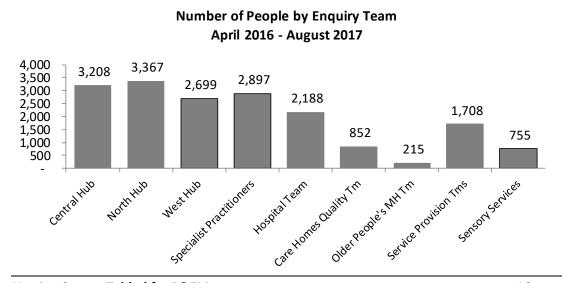
# People Subject of Enquiry by Team and by Type of Enquiry

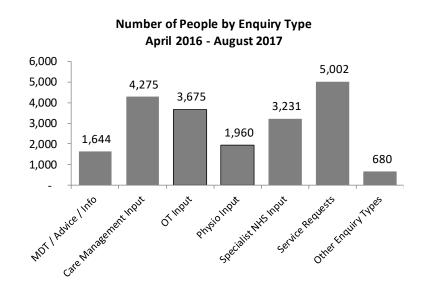
Individuals who were subject of an enquiry April 2016 - July 2017

Enquries - Number of People	Central Hub	North Hub	West Hub	Specialist Practitioners	Hospital Team	Care Homes Quality Tm	Older People's MH Tm	Service Provision Tms	Sensory Services	All Teams	% of all Types
MDT / Advice / Info	477	597	498	-	10	44	14	-	15	1,644	14.5%
Care Management Input	787	980	745	4	1,976	155	158	5	7	4,275	37.8%
OT Input	1,368	1,310	1,078	2	2	1	1			3,675	32.5%
Physio Input	773	702	539		2					1,960	17.3%
Specialist NHS Input	229	143	311	2,725	1	1			2	3,231	28.6%
Service Requests	1,210	1,362	1,053		338	636	21	1,624	189	5,002	44.3%
Other Enquiry Types	4	32	2	1	19	-	36	-	593	680	6.0%
All Referral Types	3,208	3,367	2,699	2,897	2,188	852	215	1,708	755	11,303	
%ge of All Teams	28.4%	29.8%	23.9%	25.6%	19.4%	7.5%	1.9%	15.1%	6.7%		

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With 3,367 individuals subject of enquiry, the North Hub processes the highest number of individuals that come through to the Integrated Services.





## Number of Enquiries by Team and Type of Inquiry April 2016 – July 2017

Many service users receive more than one enquiry type in a period of time. Compared to the 11,303 individuals who were the subject of an enquiry since April 2016, 29,250 enquiries were logged, an average of 2.6 enquiries per person.

Enquiry Team	Number of Enquiries	%ge of all Enquiries
Central Hub	6,115	22.1%
North Hub	6,529	23.6%
West Hub	5,364	19.4%
Specialist Practitioners	3,455	12.5%
Hospital Team	3,040	11.0%
Care Homes Quality Team	1,244	4.5%
Older People's Mental Health Team	273	1.0%
Service Provision Teams	2,239	8.1%
Sensory Services	991	3.6%
A Services	29,250	100%

Type of Enquiry	Number of	%ge of all		
Type of Eliquity	Enquiries	<b>Enquiries</b>		
MDT / Advice / Info	2,157	7.0%		
Care Management Input	5,892	20.3%		
OT Input	4,874	16.7%		
Physio Input	2,376	8.2%		
Specialist NHS Input	4,238	14.4%		
Service Requests	8,855	30.4%		
Other Enquiry Types	858	2.9%		
All Enquiry Types	29,250	100%		

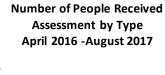
The most common enquiry type (30.4%) relate to enquiries relate to service provision such as home care or community re-ablement. OT / Physio together account for 24.9% of enquiries, with enquiries about care management input represent 20.3% of enquiries.

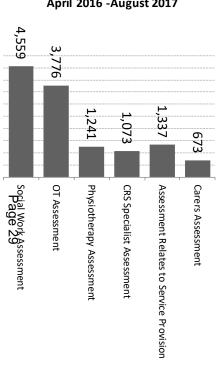
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There continues to be a consistent number of enquiries so population demand does not seem to have increased significantly.	Continuing demographic pressure could escalate the number of enquiries.	Some preliminary analysis has been discussed within the service. This will build on work carried out on the Population Assessment and will be used to model future population need.
The distribution of enquiries across the hubs is now relatively even.	At present we are working towards a clearer picture of what typical activity looks like.	Performance staff and managers are working together to look in more detail at this topic. We need to revisit the configuration of the Hub teams following integration to make sure we have allocated resources effectively. The performance information will be vital to be able to help us do this.
The hospital team is now handling between typically 150 and 170 referrals each month.	Periodically reduced numbers coming through the hospital team with no consistent pattern.	Continue to monitor and take action where necessary.
We believe there is a consistent level of recording enquiries across the service.		Performance staff will work more closely with Paris staff in order to interpret spikes or troughs in data.

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## Numbers of People Assessed and Assessments Completed by Assessment Type and by Assessment Team





Number of Assessments and People Assessed by Team and Assessment Type: April 2016 - August 2017	Central Hub	North Hub	West Hub	Specialist Practitioners	Hospital Team	Care Homes Quality Team	Older People's Mental Health Team	Sensory Services	Ass'ts Completed	People Assessed
Social Work Assessment	997	1,838	1,312		1,268	757	604	431	7,207	4,559
OT Assessment	1,414	1,456	1,083						3,953	3,776
Physiotherapy Assessment	436	550	300	1					1,287	1,241
CRS Specialist Assessment	247	342	220	895					1,704	1,073
Assessment Relates to Service Provision	496	542	432	1					1,471	1,337
Carers Assessment	134	270	240		19		54	1	718	673
Number of Assessments Completed	3,724	4,998	3,587	897	1,287	757	658	432	16,340	

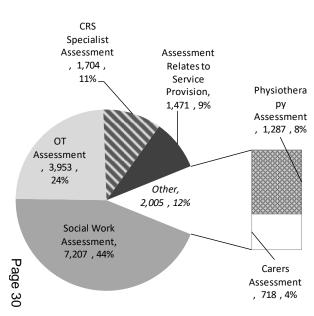
The above table shows the number of assessments by different types since April 2016.

'Social Work Assessment' principally comprises social work assessments. The 'CRS Specialist Assessment' category relates to assessments carried out by specialist NHS practitioners who are out-with the Hubs and cover Swansea as a whole instead.

'Assessment Relates to Service Provision' principally relate to assessment or review requests for changes to service user packages of domiciliary care.

The largest numbers of assessments are in the category 'Social Work Assessment' and 'OT Assessment'.

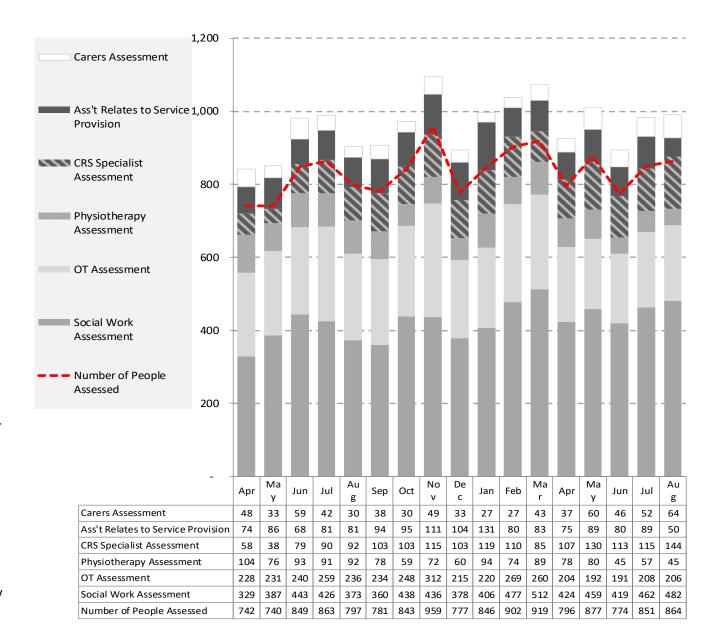
#### Distribution of Assessments by Type and



#### Over Time (April 2016 - August 2017)

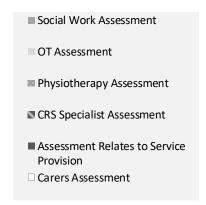
44% of completed assessments are social work assessments, which mostly comprise Overview Assessments and Review Assessments. Assessments for Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy together account for 32% of all completed assessments. Assessments of need and OT / Physio assessments therefore represent more than 3 out of 4 completed assessments.

The dotted line in the graph above shows the **total number of individuals** who were assessed. The total number never exceeds the cumulative number of assessment types due to the fact that some people may receive multiple assessment types during any given period of time.



## Average Time Taken to Complete Assessments by Type

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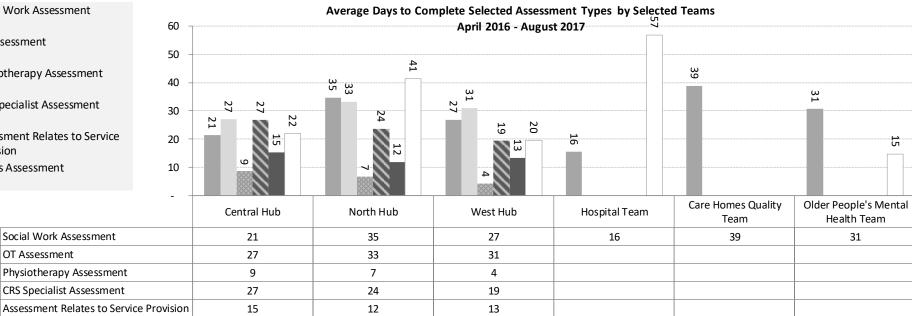
Social Work Assessment

Physiotherapy Assessment

**CRS Specialist Assessment** 

OT Assessment

Carers Assessment



Note: Empty cells indicate no assessments of this type completed by this team.

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What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?		
A reasonably consistent amount of assessment activity continues to take place.	We are aware of current difficulties with accurately reporting numbers of new assessments/ reassessments and reviews.	Performance staff and managers are working together to look in more detail at this topic.		
The range of health and social care disciplines is now fully integrated within the Hubs, as can be seen by the range of assessments carried out.		The service will continue to work closely with the Common Access point in order to improve the MDT function (see earlier section).		
Typically assessments of need are completed within 30 days by the Hubs	Average time to complete social work assessments are higher than 30 days in CHQT, North Hub and OPMH teams.	Social work practice will be examined as part of the development of a practice framework.		
Physio assessments are carried out swiftly by the Hubs. OT assessments take slightly longer than assessments of need to complete.	It is not clear whether physios are following the correct agreed procedure in Paris and may be recording assessments in casenotes, where they will not be counted as assessments.	The shortage of OTs and Physiotherapists is not limited to Swansea, and we will continue to seek to recruit appropriately-qualified people.  We will look into the issue of physios recording assessments.		

#### **Caseloads & Reviews**

At this stage, information on these subjects is not completely reliable across most work areas and as such we are working towards being able to present more reliable information as it becomes available.

In the context of the introduction of the Social Services and Well-Being Act, there is a need for a substantial piece of work to establish the exact size of the client base and the nature of the reviewing task. The Principal Officer leads are in the process of working on this area to ensure that we have the intelligence to understand caseloads and therefore effectively deploy resources.

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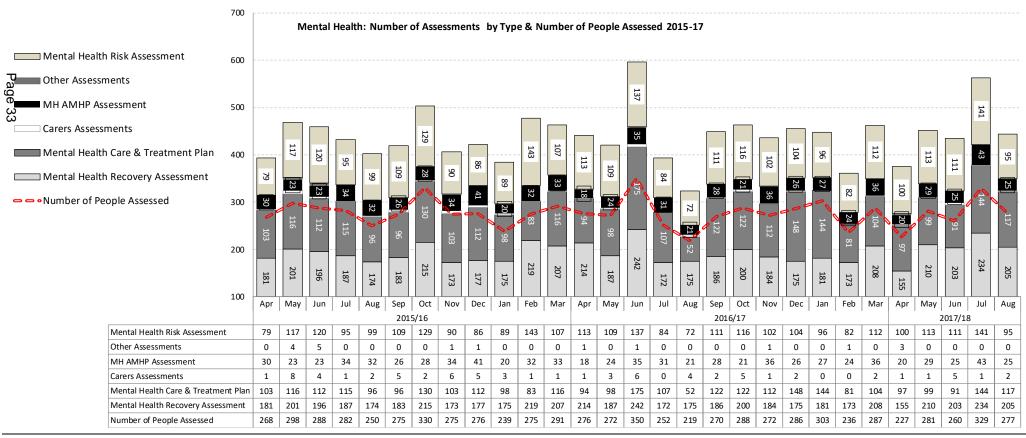
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#### **Numbers and Types of Assessment**

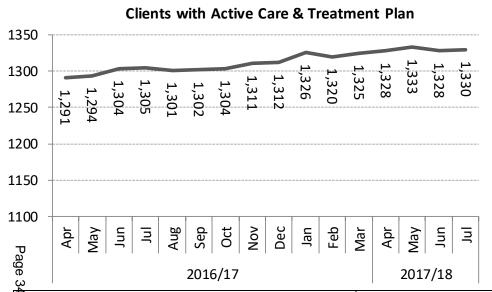
Recovery Plans are carried out for people who may have a mental health problem that needs to be managed under the terms of the Mental Health Measure passed by the Welsh Assembly. If a person is deemed to require care co-ordination under the terms of the Measure, a Care and Treatment Plan is carried out and reviewed at periodic intervals. An Associate Mental Health Professional (AMHP) assessment is carried out where a person with a mental health problem may need to be admitted to hospital for care and treatment.

The dotted line shows the **total number of individuals** who were assessed. The total number never exceeds the cumulative number of assessment types due to the fact that some people may receive multiple assessment types during any given period of time. This will be particularly the case for those who receive a Recovery Plan which identifies the need for care co-ordination and a subsequent Care & Treatment Plan.



# Assessment & Care Management: Mental Health

#### **People with Active Care & Treatment Plan**



The 'caseload' for the mental health service is relatively-well defined since the Mental Health Measure stipulates a mental health client should have an active Care and Treatment Plan.

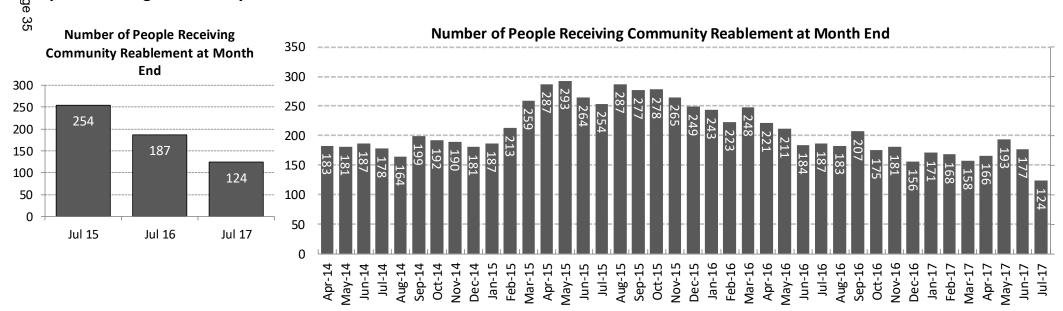
The overall caseload for the mental health service has remained relatively stable over the last 17 months (up 3%). The number of individual workers who are carrying a caseload has remained relatively static in the range 59-63. As there are some workers who do not work full-time, mathematically dividing the number of clients by the number of workers gives only a rough estimate of average caseload. Although this method provided a steady statistical average of roughly 21 -22, it should be noted that due to the variety of staff working hours, this value is more indicative than real.

What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?
The Mental Health Measure has supported the routine management of information to enable reporting of caseloads	Sometimes resource issues arise when staff are required to undertake training in order to carry out AMHPS. The training is substantial and lasts for most	We are going to look in more detail at issues that affect available resource.
	of a year.	

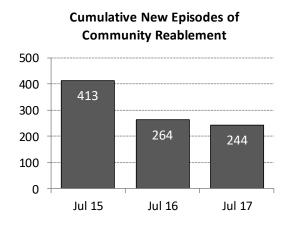
#### **Community Reablement**

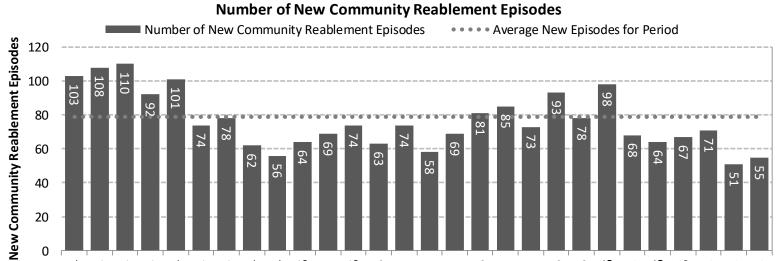
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The purpose of the community reablement service is to improve the ability of people to remain independent with less or no ongoing managed care, reducing the overall total burden on services.	There is mixed evidence on how effective the service has been in reducing the total burden on the managed care system.
There are two national performance indicators measuring the effectiveness of community reablement. These are brand new indicators and there continue to be national debates as to the final national definition of the indicator calculation method.	Staff are engaged in discussion with peers across Wales and contributing positively to a meaningful definition.
Measure 20a: The percentage of adults who completed a period of reablement and have a reduced package of care and support 6 months later. <b>Locally a target of 50%</b> was set for 2016/17 and will continue for 2017/18.	Cumulative performance for 2016/17 was <b>66.7%</b> , meeting target. For Quarter 1 of 2017/18 performance was <b>75%</b> , also meeting target
Measure 20b) The percentage of adults who completed a period of reablement and have no package of care and support 6 months later. <b>Locally a target of 25%</b> was set for 2016/17 and has been continued into 2017/18.	Cumulative performance for 2016/17 was <b>27.7%</b> , meeting target. For Quarter 1 of 2017/18 performance was <b>31.6%</b> , also meeting target

# Receiving Community Reablement



#### **New Community Reablement Episodes (formerly DCAS)**





May-15

Jun-15

Aug-15

Sep-15

Oct-15

Nov-15 Dec-15

Jul-15

Jan-16 Feb-16 Mar-16 Apr-16 May-16

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Jul-16

What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?
People continue to access the service and around 180 are usually being supported at any given time and on average 70 typically admitted each month.	June and July 2017 saw notable decreases in both starters and number in service.  As can be seen from the following slide, we still need to develop the recording of outcomes following reablement from the service so do not have sufficient data to understand whether our criteria are correct.	We will continue to keep criteria for acceptance to the service under review.
There has been a decline in the overall number supported in DCAS at the end of each month. This was achieved from Autumn 2015 by revising criteria for acceptance by community reablement to avoid inappropriate reablement packages.	As above.	We will continue to keep criteria for acceptance to the service under review.
New episodes of community reablement continue to be stable following realignment of service to focus on those most capable of successful reablement.	New episodes this year are lower than for the previous 2 financial years.	We will continue to keep criteria for acceptance to the service under review.

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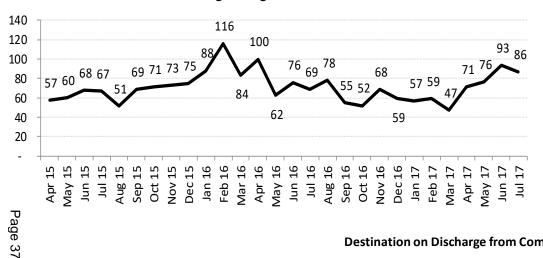
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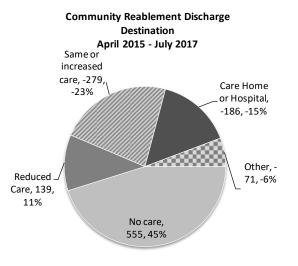
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#### **Effectiveness of Community Reablement**

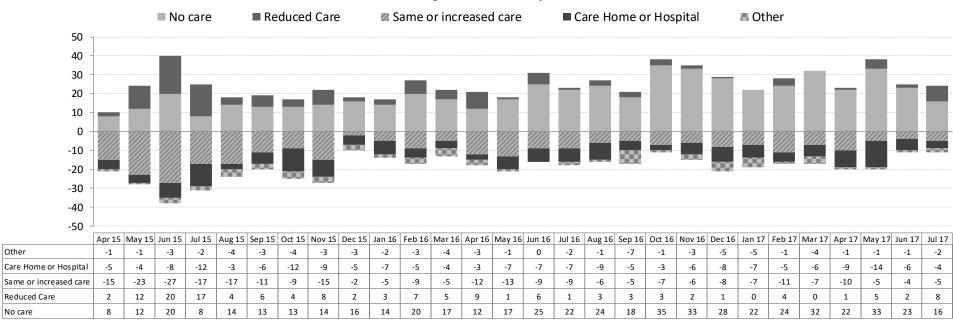
#### Average Number of Days Receiving Community Reablement for those **Leaving During the Month**





Positive numbers in graph / tables below show the desired outcome of community reablement, which is to reduce or eliminate the amount of managed care that people will require on an ongoing basis. The minus numbers reflect other outcomes, but these will of course be appropriate to the needs of the individual.

#### **Destination on Discharge from Community Re-ablement**



What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?
There has been an increase in the proportion of people who are leaving service to reduced care package or no care.	Data is not complete due to a variety of factors. We have also detected a range of errors in recording.	We are working to an improvement plan to foster improvement in recording accurately. This is essential to monitor the effectiveness of the service.
There has been some improvement since June 2017 in the numbers of people leaving community reablement and going into hospital or residential / nursing care.	Prior to June 2017 there were some large increases in the numbers of people leaving community reablement and receiving more care or admitted to care homes / hospital.	We will continue to divert people away from care in care homes or hospital where appropriate in line with people's desired outcomes.
There has been a reduction in the average length of stay, reflecting improvements in the through-flow of service users into other services.	We know that stay lengths can increase due to pressures within the service, in terms of securing long-term care.	Maintain focus on effective commissioning arrangements and workflow processes for domiciliary care.

#### **Residential Reablement**

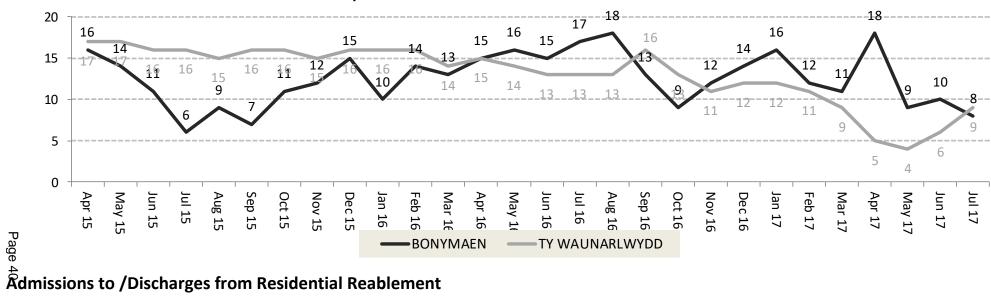
Summary of Expectations / Standards	Summary of Outcomes / Performance
The purpose of the residential reablement service is to avoid further escalation in a person's care needs and to avoid their admission to hospital or to a care home. Where successful, the ability of people to remain independent with less or no ongoing managed care reduces the overall total burden on managed care services.	There is good evidence the service has become effective in preventing admissions over the last 2 years.
There was a local PI relating the the service: AS4 - Percentage of clients returning home following residential reablement. For 2016/17, the <b>target was set at 58%</b> returning home.  The measure is no longer reported but we continue to examine our effectiveness.	This target was met. For 2017/18, result is <b>74%</b> to July 2017.

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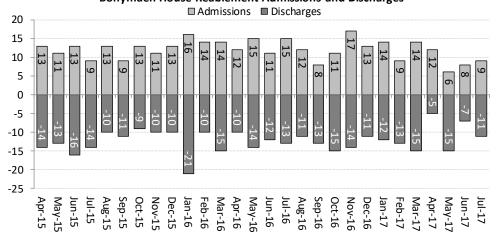
#### **Residential Reablement**

#### **Numbers in Residential Reablement**

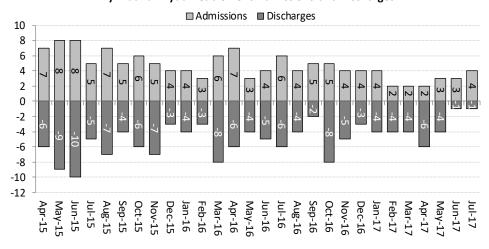
#### People in Residential Reablement at End of Month



#### **Bonymaen House Reablement Admissions and Discharges**



#### Ty Waunarlwydd Reablement Admissions and Discharges

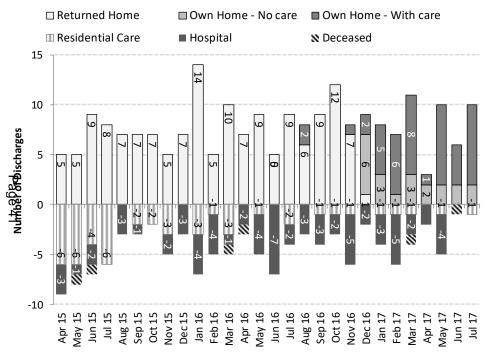


#### **Residential Reablement**

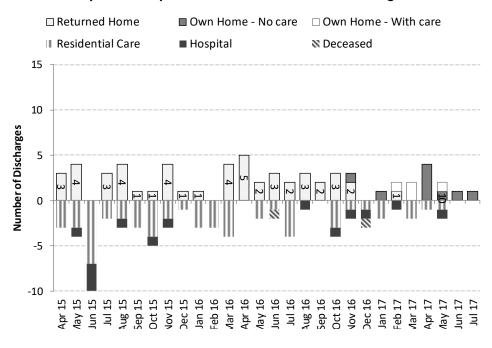
#### **Effectiveness of Residential Reablement**

Positive numbers reflect desired outcome of residential reablement, which is to avoid admission to a care home or hospital. The minus numbers reflect other outcomes, but these will of course be appropriate to the needs of the individual.

#### **Bonymaen House Reablement Destination on Discharge**



#### Ty Waunarlwydd Reablement Destination on Discharge

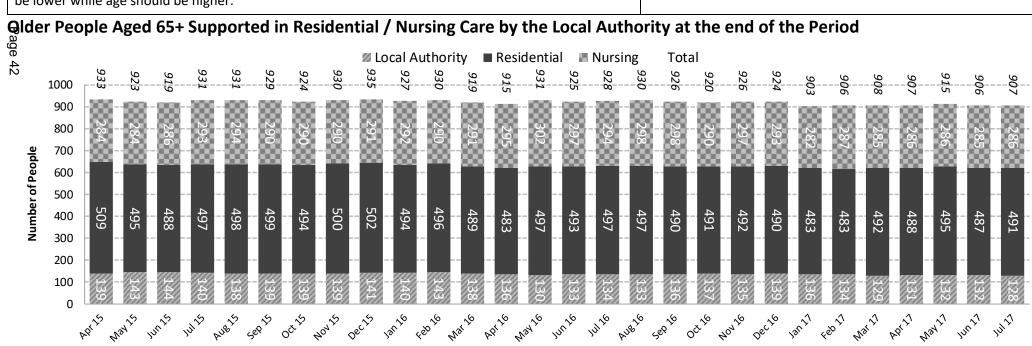


What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?
reablement. Bonymaen House achieves a higher	We want to do some work looking at the extent to which those 'returning home' require ongoing care plan and care packages.	We will prepare a plan to examine this issue. Initial analysis suggests people are currently more likely to go home with care than be fully independent.

## Residential / Nursing Care

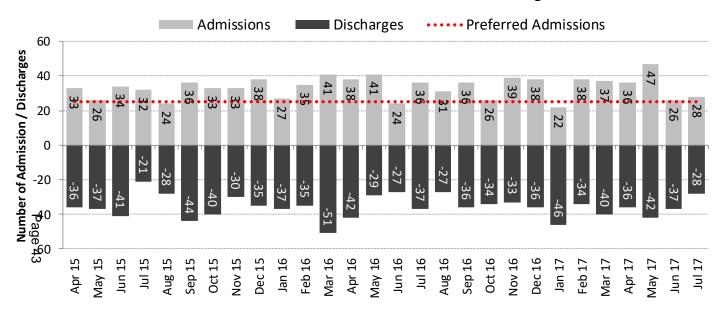
#### **Residential / Nursing Care for Older People**

Summary of Expectations / Standards	Summary of Outcomes / Performance
Wherever possible we seek to ensure people remain at home, living independently, with support where necessary, before residential / nursing care is contemplated. This service is intended only for those whose needs cannot be met at home. As such our intention is to keep numbers low.	There have been reduction in the numbers of people support over the last three years but the decreases have slowed down over that period.
There was a performance indicator (SCA002b) that related to the rate per 1,000 older people supported in residential care. Target for 2016/17 was set at 19.5. This indicator is no longer required for the corporate plan.	Target met for 2016/17 at <b>18.8</b> During 2017/18, current measure is <b>19.4</b>
New national Measure 21: the length of stay (days) in residential care and new national Measure 22 the average age (years) on admission to residential care (Measure 22). Both indicators exclude people in nursing care. These indicators are not ostensibly measures of performance but contextual in nature. While targets are relatively unhelpful for these indicators, although it is preferable for length of stay to be lower while age should be higher.	Cumulative performance for 2016/17 was 951 days for Measure 21 and Measure 22 was 82.62 years of age. For 2017/18, Measure 21 is at <b>910.8</b> (improved) and Measure 22 is at <b>84.3</b> (slight deterioration).

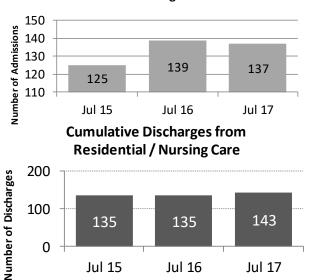


#### Admissions to and Discharges from Residential / Nursing Care

#### **Permanent Placements - Admissions and Discharges**



#### **Cumulative New Admissions to Residential / Nursing Care**



The number of older people aged 65+ supported in residential / nursing care by social services has declined in the last two years (previous page).

**Jul 15** 

Jul 16

Jul 17

Maintaining the reduced figures is dependent on effective control over admissions and a consistent flow of discharges.

What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?
The number supported has decreased from higher levels prior to October 2014.	We have not reduced numbers to the level anticipated in the Western Bay business case for intermediate care. We are still making above-average use of residential care compared to other Welsh councils.	We have re-established processes to strengthen the rigour of acceptance of potential residents to care homes. A Panel is now in place which challenges decisions on new and temporary placements. We will need to monitor whether these arrangements help reduce the propensity to use of long-term placements.
Discharges have been high this calendar year helping to maintain downwards pressure on the overall number of people supported in residential / nursing care.	47 admissions for May 2017 is much higher than the previous highest number (41 in May 2016)  For 11 of the 16 months since April 2016 admissions have been higher than the average of 30 for the entire period. Ultimately this will push the average admission number upwards.	We have re-established processes to strengthen the rigour of acceptance of potential residents to care homes, as outlined above.

#### Residential / Nursing Care

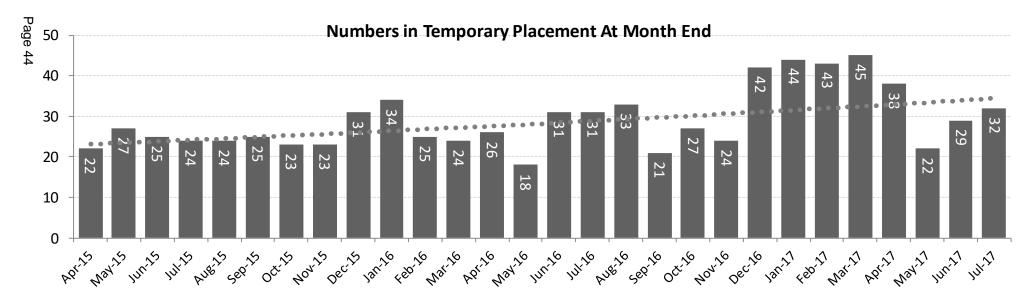
#### **Temporary Admissions to Residential / Nursing Care**

A temporary admission can be for a variety of reasons, the most common being trial periods to allow a person to establish whether they would like to consider a permanent placement and where the authority will need to carry out a financial assessment to determine whether the law requires that the person should pay for their care. Such stays tend to be relatively brief, typically between 40 and 60 days.

We have recently started to examine this information in the context of understanding overall levels of demand for residential / nursing care.

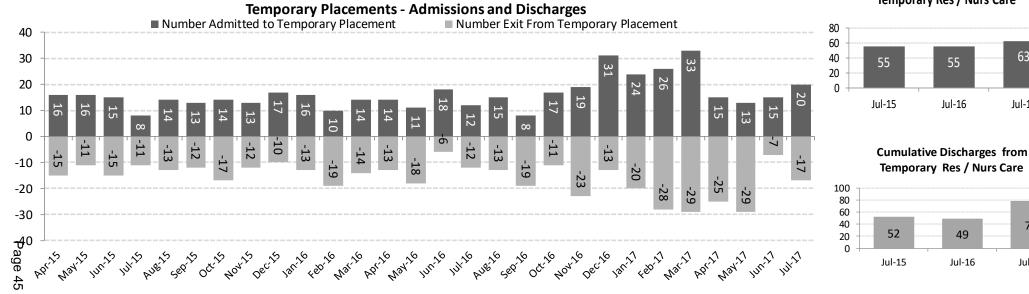
Summary of Expectations / Standards	Summary of Outcomes / Performance
Given the risk of a temporary placements becoming permanent placements, we think that the number of such placements should be kept as low as possible.	Cumulative admissions to temporary care in 2016/17 have been lower than in the previous financial year but had been running at high levels December 2016 – April 2017.
We will keep this area under review in order to define reasonable expectations.	No additional outcomes defined as yet.

#### Number of People in Temporary Residential / Nursing Placements at the end of the Month

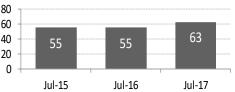


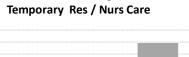
## Residential / Nursing Care

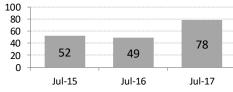
#### Admissions to and Discharges from Temporary Residential / Nursing Care



#### **Cumulative Admissions to Temporary Res / Nurs Care**







What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?
Admissions and discharges are keeping pace with each other and numbers are remaining relatively stable	We do not yet understand the dynamics of this aspect of service delivery.  The number of admissions outstripped discharges during June and July	We are going to monitor this area of work and seek to understand it better. Under the new Panel arrangements, temporary placements are now only agreed for a two week period. Following the two weeks, care managements have to come back to Panel explaining the long-term care arrangements or why the temporary placement should be extended.
Numbers admitted had reduced since April 2017.	There had been a surge in temporary admissions November – March. There are signs that a new surge may be underway.	We will continue to monitor this area of service.

# Destination on Discharge from Temporary Residential / Nursing Placements

The chart opposite shows the destination of people who have ceased to be in a temporary placement.

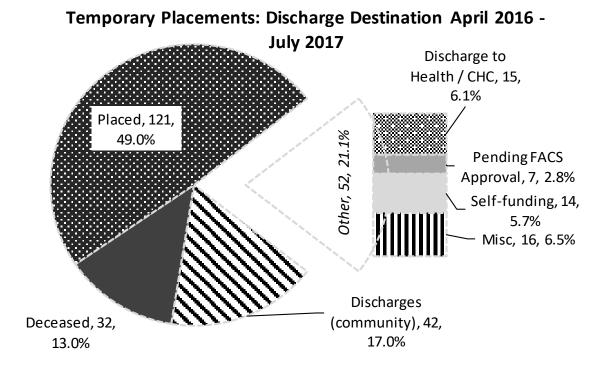
The largest group representing 49% of discharges since April 2016 are those discharged to a permanent placement. A further 2.8% are 'pending FACS approval' and are likely to turn into a permanent placement. Just 5.1% of discharges are to self-funded care.

This means the majority of those who are admitted to temporary placements are likely to become an ongoing cost to the local authority.

Of the discharges to the community, accounting for 17% of discharges, many are likely to require ongoing care and we will examine the relevant records to test this.

∰% of people sadly die whilst in the temporary placement. ₩ork is needed to establish whether temporary placements were appropriate, particularly where the length of stay is very short, as many are.

Since April 2016, 14 people have been discharged to hospital from a temporary placement and one person was discharged to a CHC placement.



# Residential / Nursing Care

What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?
We have good quality information about the destination of people who leave a temporary placement.	Inappropriate use of temporary placements can result in increased local authority expenditure should not be undertaken lightly. This is particularly following the change in charging arrangements as a result of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act whereby temporary placements can now only be charged at a maximum of £60 per week for the first 8 weeks.	We need to ensure that admissions to temporary placements are only made when necessary due to the escalating risk to local authority budgets that they represent.
We have good quality information about the start and end of a period of temporary placement		We will develop better length of stay profiles for those in temporary placements.
Page 47	The very low level of discharges to Continuing Health Care (CHC) funded placements is illustrative of wider issues of whether the Health Board is appropriately funding Swansea citizens. This pattern is echoed across Western Bay.	We will continue to engage with the LHB on achieving equitable distribution of CHC funding across Western Bay. We are also relooking at our strategy in relation to how we negotiate the funding of new placements to make sure that the Health Board funds legitimate health needs.

#### **Arranging Domiciliary Care**

#### **Long-Term Domiciliary Care**

#### **Arranging Care: What is Brokerage?**

Within Adult Services, organising the provision of personal care at home is an important part of ensuring people are receiving the right care at the right time. Over the period of time since April 2016, 88% of the total hours of personal care has been arranged by the City and County of Swansea has been provided by the independent sector. Due to the way that we purchase that care, it is important to ensure that providers are treated fairly when work is offered.

It should also be noted that these figures necessarily include enquiries about changes to package of care – not all of these are brand new requests for service from individuals not already in receipt of care.

The Brokerage service has been managed in a number of different ways in the recent past, including some piloting of dedicated resource. This period of change is reflected in fluctuations within the data presented here.

#### gow many people are referred to Brokerage?

Since April 2016, there have been 1,887 requests for Brokerage to arrange or change care for service users, or 111 a month on average. These may include some repeat requests for individuals since circumstances may change over the 17 month period shown here.

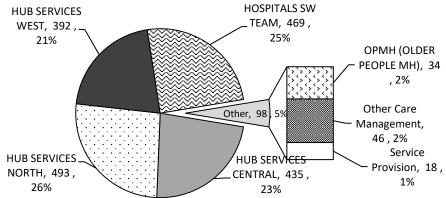
#### Where are people being referred from?

Enquiries are largely received from the Integrated Hubs, which account for 70% of all enquiries to the Brokerage team. The hospital teams made about a quarter of all enquiries to Brokerage.

#### How does Brokerage data relate to the delayed transfer data shown previously?

The simple answer is that they don't directly align and cannot be compared reliably. The delayed transfer data is based on a single census day each month as compared to the Brokerage data which is a continuous flow. People waiting in hospital within any given month do not necessarily appear as a delayed transfer unless and until they are delayed on census day. As such, this Brokerage data is considerably more complete than DToCs data.

#### **Brokerage Referral Source April 2016 - August 2017**

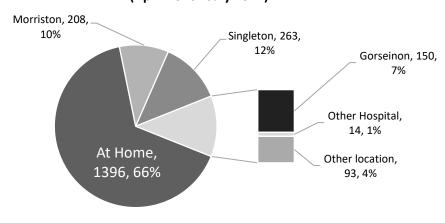


#### Where are people waiting for package of care to be arranged?

In Swansea the majority of people who wait for care are in the community rather than in hospitals. Despite the received wisdom of many commentators.

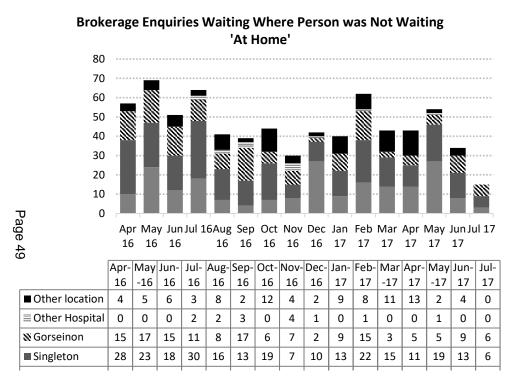
Since April 2016, 1,396 out of 2,124 (66%) people waiting for care were waiting at home.

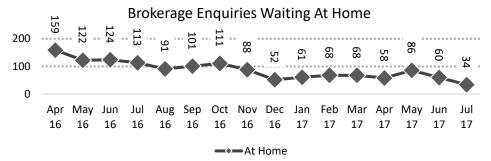
# Brokerage Enquiries - Location of People Waiting (April 2016 - July 2017)



#### **Arranging Domiciliary Care**

The reader will note that the proportion of people who are waiting in hospital exceeds the proportion of people referred by the hospital teams. This illustrates that our intended approach is to provide continuity of care management to existing clients when admitted to hospital.





#### How long do people wait?

We have been working with the data to examine the question of how long people wait for care. Of the available options for examining the data, the most consistent seemed to be:-

Number of days between enquiry and care setup for those having a package

- arranged, which evaluates how long in total packages take to arrange.
- Number of days between enquiry and month-end for those where it is agreed a package of care is appropriate who have been waiting for a package to be arranged

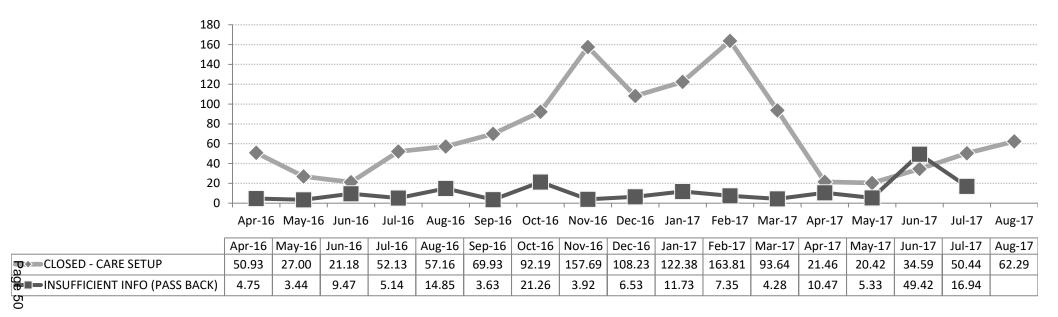
The data overleaf shows there has been a gradual increase in the length of time people are waiting ('pending'), which may suggest ongoing difficulty within the market.

Waiting has broadly reduced over the course of the last 15 months, and particular reductions for those waiting at home.

On the other hand the average time between enquiry and care package in place has been much less even, and there is an eight-fold difference between the lowest and highest average for the period. We do know that some of this fluctuation has been due to the periodic allocation of resources to deal with backlog and earlier, incomplete previous recordings being corrected, which inevitably drives up average times. We will continue to work on understanding the data.

## Long-Term / Complex Domiciliary Care

#### Average Days Between Enquiry and Pending (Waiting at month end) or Closed due to Care Set up



What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?
We are starting to make effective use of the data available to us to assist in reviewing the options for managing the provision of care.	We are still learning what the data means as it is very closely tied to procedural data from within Paris and is very complex.	The performance team will continue to examine the data working with colleagues familiar with the Brokerage service in order to derive appropriate meaning from the data.
Most of the enquiries to Brokerage come from community teams and only a minority from hospitals.	There has been some growth in the number of enquiries per month since April 2016. While still modest, this will need to be monitored.	As above. We will also continue to monitor the numbers coming through Brokerage.
Most people are waiting for care in the community	The fluctuation in average times to fully arrange a package of care is concerning.	We will continue to review waiting times and the operation of the market.

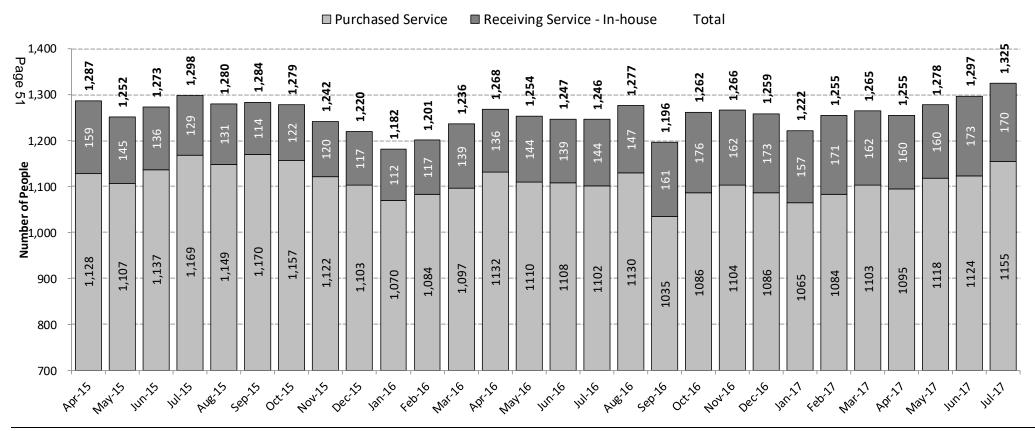
#### Long-Term / Complex Domiciliary Care

#### **Providing Long-Term Domiciliary Care**

Summary of Expectations / Standards	Summary of Outcomes / Performance
There are no national or local performance indicators relating to this service.	N/A
Wherever possible we seek to ensure people can remain at home, living independently, with support where necessary. Long-term provision of home care should be limited to those who need it to remain independent. As such our intention is to keep numbers low.	There has been no reduction in the numbers of people supported over the last three years. There have been notable increases in numbers during 2016/17 and into 2017/18.

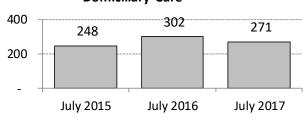
#### People receiving a domiciliary care package

#### **Number of People Receiving Domiciliary Care at Month End**

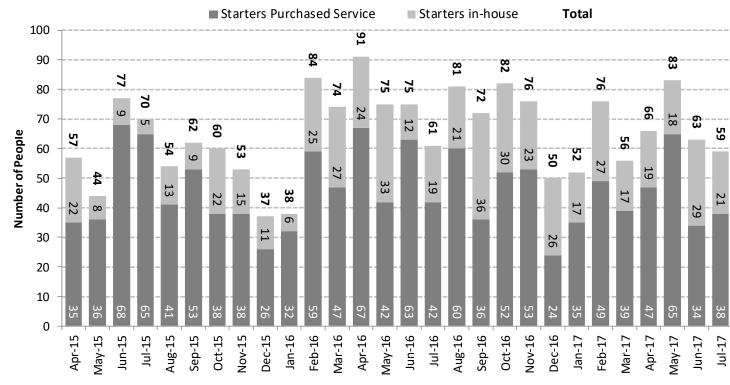


#### People starting to receive a domiciliary care package

#### Cumulative Starts - In House and Purchased **Domiciliary Care**



#### Number of People Starting to Receive Domiciliary Care



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**Number of Starts** 

#### What is working well?

Some reductions in overall number of service users have been achieved from time to time but have not been sustained.

Anecdotally, there have been some improvements in the flow of service users into the service, although data needs to be sought to confirm this.

#### What are we worried about?

The number of people receiving a long-term home care package from either an independent provider or the council's own service has continued to remain at high levels and the overall number of hours delivered is continuing to increase month on month. We are supporting higher levels of domiciliary care in the community than we have ever supported before. At the end of June 2017, we were supporting as many people as we supported in November 2014.

Conversely, numbers were projected to reduce within the Western Bay business model for intermediate care.

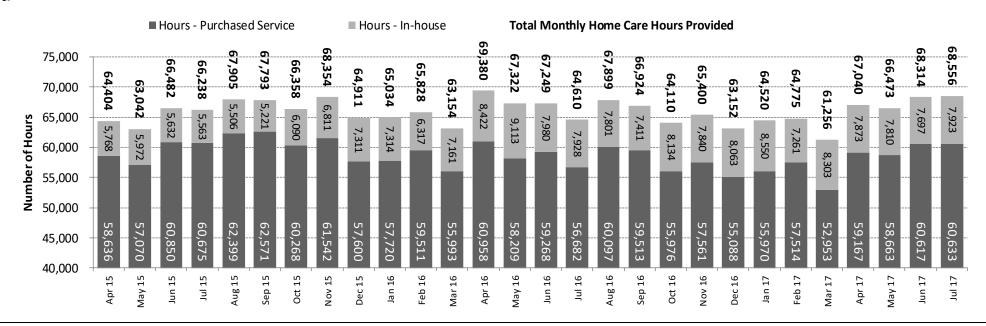
#### What are we going to do?

We need to scrutinise the routes into long-term domiciliary care to ensure that appropriate decisions are put in place before agreeing new or increased packages of care. Work has commenced to map this and then ensure appropriate test and challenge arrangements are in place.

#### Long-Term / Complex Domiciliary Care

What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?				
Anecdotally, there have been some improvements in the flow of service users into the service, although data needs to be sought to confirm this.	The overall number of new starters during 2016/17 exceeded new starts in the previous 2 financial years. Historically, there were panel arrangements in place to agree all new and reviewed packages of care. These arrangements were removed on moving to the Integrated Hubs to improve flow through the system as they were perceived as bureaucratic. However, it would appear that removing this layer of decision making has led to more people being supported than ever before.	As above.				
Anecdotally, there have been some improvements in the flow of service users into the service. Data should be sought to confirm this.	The overall number of new starters went up during the course of 2016 and new starts exceeded new starts in the previous 2 financial years. This inrush of new starters seems to have reduced in 2017/18.	A Commissioning Review is underway within this area of service.				
	The number of new starters for the in-house service since February 2016 has increased	We will look into this issue more closely.				

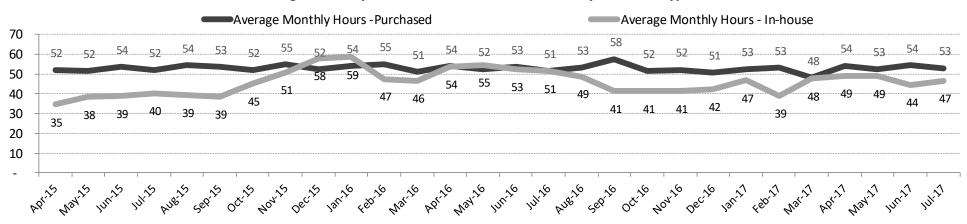
# Monthly Total Hours of Care Provided



## Long-Term / Complex Domiciliary Care

#### **Average Home Care Hours Provided**

#### Average Monthly Hours of Home Care Provided by Provider Type



What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?				
large number of hours of home care are being provided independently or from the local authority, which means that delayed transfers of care are at a minimum and people are actively being supported to remain independent at home.	Number of hours delivered has resumed the high levels seen last autumn and subsequently the number of hours delivered has continued to increase.  It is getting increasingly difficult to find capacity for new packages of care	Work is underway to review all long-term packages of care to ensure they continue to meet need. We also need to scrutinise the routes into long-term domiciliary care to ensure that appropriate decisions are put in place before agreeing new or increased packages of care. Work is commencing to map this and then ensure appropriate test and challenge arrangements are in place. We are also working with providers and the in-house services to free up capacity.				
	Sustainability of independent providers can result in the local authority needing to absorb additional care hours	A Commissioning Review has recommended to recommission the external service on a patch based approach which will help to strengthen the sustainability of the external sector. Work is also underway to support the external sector with recruitment and retention of staff to help strengthen the sector.				
Purchased service has maintained a steady average care package size.	There appears to be some growth in the size of the average in-house package.	We will look more closely at the data for hours of care provided by the inhouse service. This may be due to the impact of 'bridging' clients.				

## Safeguarding & Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

#### **Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults**

There are a number of national and local performance indicators relating to safeguarding. All of these are **new** and therefore baselines are still being set for targets and, in some cases, definitions. The performance measures focus on issues of the timeliness of response to safeguarding referrals and the most vulnerable people in residential / nursing care.

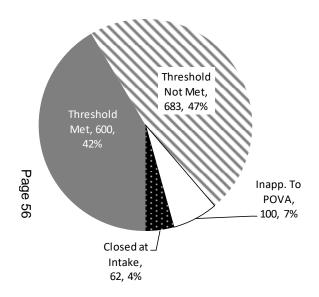
Summary of Expectations / Standards	Summary of Outcomes / Performance
Effective safeguarding procedures are dependent on effective enquiries being made.	
Local Indicator AS8: Percentage of adult protection referrals to Adult Services where decision is taken within 24 hours. A local target for 2016/17 has been set to achieve higher than 80% reflecting a desire to ensure that matters are dealt with promptly but recognising that there will once always be occasions where decisions cannot be taken within a day.	Performance on this indicator for 2016/17was <b>below target at 65.3%.</b> Staff are being reminded to ensure they respond as promptly as is prompt and safe for the circumstances. Performance improved considerably for Q2 and Q3 but declined in Q4.
Results of 2016/17 monitoring indicated 80% was not a feasible target and the agreed target for 2017/18 has now been set at <b>higher than 65%.</b>	Cumulative 2017/18 performance is now above the revised target at <b>66.8%</b> at the end of July 2017
Alational Indicator: Measure 18: The percentage of adult protection enquiries completed within 7 adays A local target for 2016/17 has been set to achieve higher than 95% reflecting a desire to reflecting and the set of the set o	Cumulative performance for 2016/17 was <b>below target at 89.7%</b> . Staff are being reminded to ensure they respond as promptly as is prompt and safe for the circumstances. Performance was poor in Q1 but improved thereafter, until Q4 when performance declined again.
Results of 2016/17 monitoring indicated 95% was not a feasible target and the agreed target for 2017/18 has now been set at <b>higher than 90%.</b>	Performance in 2017/18 has improved and stands at <b>93.6%</b> at the end of July 2017.

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### Safeguarding & Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

#### **Safeguarding Enquiries and Outcomes**

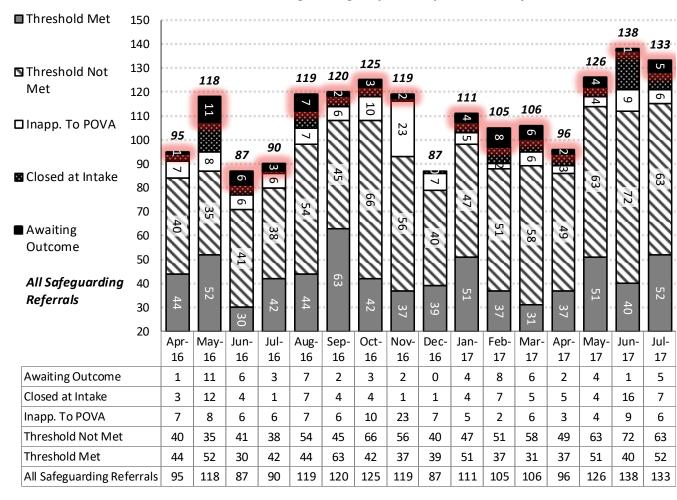
#### Outcomes of Safeguarding Enquiries: April 2016 - July 2017



The graphs show that of the 1,445 safeguarding enquires completed since April 2016, 42% met the threshold for investigation and 47% did not meet the threshold.

Highlighted are those enquiries that were 'Awaiting Outcome' at **the end** of each month. These do not accumulate. At the end of July 2017, **5** were outstanding

#### Outcomes of Safeguarding Enquiries: April 2016 - July 2017

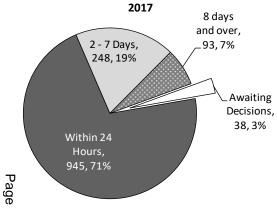


What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?				
Numbers are remaining relatively constant, with typically 110 (plus or minus 10) safeguarding enquiries received each month.	Some recording and compliance issues remain amongst some staff. Numbers appear to be increasing in recent months.	Information has been passed by the Performance Team to the relevant Business Support Managers to highlight these issues.				

#### Safeguarding & Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

# Timeliness of Completion of Safeguarding Enquires

# Safeguarding Thresholds Completed Within Timescales: August 2016 - July

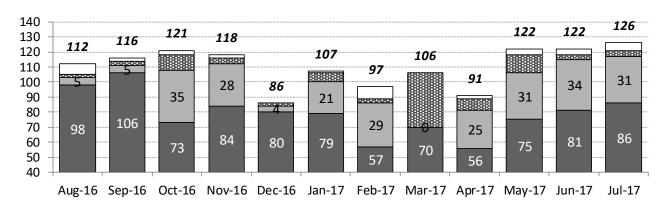


We have been reporting internally in detail on time taken to complete thresholding of safeguarding enquires since August 2016.

In terms of reporting this data, a referral is completed when the threshold decision is taken. The preferred timescale is set by Welsh Government within its practice guidance, which is 24 hours.

#### **Safeguarding Thresholds Completed within Timescales**

■ Within 24 Hours ■ 2 - 7 Days ■ 8 days and over □ Awaiting Decisions *All Enquiries* 



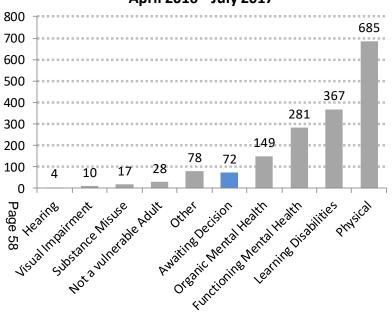
	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17
<b>Awaiting Decisions</b>	7	2	3	2	0	1	8	0	2	4	4	5
8 days and over	2	3	10	4	2	6	3	36	8	12	3	4
2 - 7 Days	5	5	35	28	4	21	29	0	25	31	34	31
Within 24 Hours	98	106	73	84	80	79	57	70	56	75	81	86
All Enquiries	112	116	121	118	86	107	97	106	91	122	122	126

What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?
The majority of safeguarding referrals are being completed within the Welsh Government specified timescale.	The proportion of cases not being completed within a timely fashion increased in October 2016 and performance worsened considerably in Q4. Improved performance during 2017/18 is welcome but will need to be sustained.	This situation is being closely monitored and staff will be reminded of the statutory practice requirements. It is pleasing to note that the majority of cases are being thresholded within 7 days.

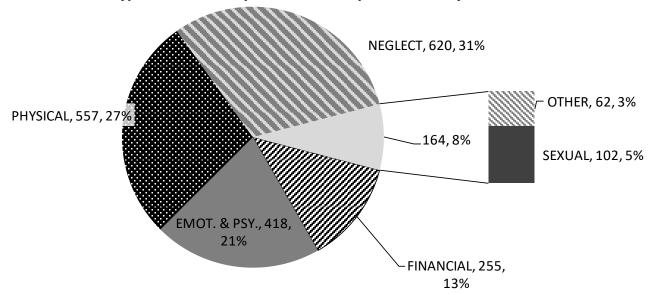
#### Safeguarding

#### Categories of Vulnerability and of Alleged Abuse

# Main Category of Vulnerability April 2016 - July 2017



#### Types of Abuse Reported in VA1 April 2016 - July 2017



This information is largely contextual and would not normally be considered to represent performance. However we monitor these monthly to provide early warning of any emerging issues.

Patterns of vulnerability and of abuse categories have remained relatively constant throughout 2016-17.

The most commonly-reported types of abuse are Neglect and Physical Abuse, which together account for 58% of the types of abuse reported. Emotional and psychological abuse (21%) is nearly twice as often reported as financial abuse.

Sexual abuse is relatively unusual representing around 5% of abuse types reported.

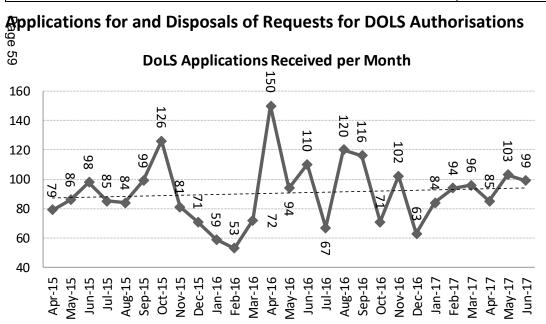
In terms of the 'vulnerability' of the person who is reported to be experiencing abuse or neglect, the two categories 'physical' and 'organic mental health' largely refer to older people over the age of 65 and typically represent 45-60% of vulnerability reported each month. With learning disability, these 3 categories account for over 60% of vulnerability categories recorded each month.

#### Safeguarding

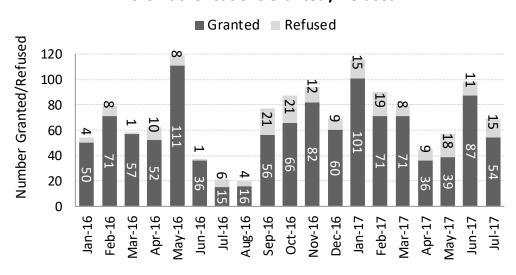
#### **Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)**

Since 2015/16, DoLS has become a large area of work as a result of Court judgements, impacting every local authority in England and Wales. In Swansea we experience a 17-fold increase in workload in this area. Since timely processing of applications is an important aspect of ensuring individuals are not deprived of their liberty without due process, handling the volume of demand in a timely fashion is critical. Completion requires a range of documentation to be completed in order for the decision on whether to authorise the deprivation of liberty can proceed.

Summary of Expectations / Standards	Summary of Outcomes / Performance
There is a new local performance indicators: AS9: % of DOLS assessments completed within accepted national standard for completion (22 days). We have set a target of <b>65% or higher</b> for 2017/18.	Performance for Q1 of 2017/18 was just above the target at 66.8%
Dealing with the volume of requests that come in is especially challenging, particularly as there are spikes in activity during the year reflecting the annual and half—year anniversary of the court judgment.	We have been working with staff to improve their ability to complete in a timely fashion. Senior management continue to closely monitoring the situation.

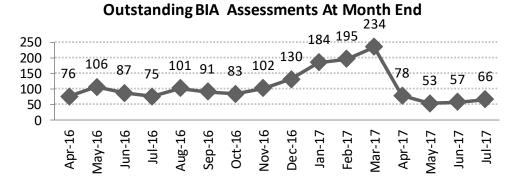


#### **DoLS Authorisations Granted / Refused**

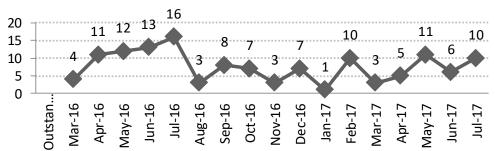


The average monthly number of applications has increased from 93 in 2015/16 to 103 in 2016/17. On average since April 2016, 85% of applications are granted.

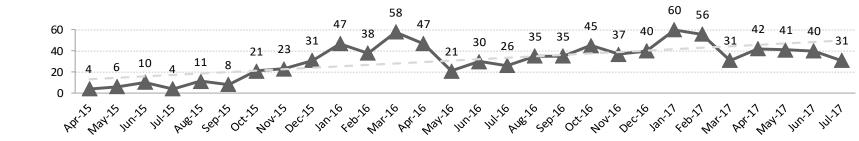
#### **Processing DoLS Applications**



#### **Outstanding Doctors' Assessments At Month End**



#### Average Time Taken In Days From Allocation To Signatory To Awarding DoLS



What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What are we going to do?
Applications have been fairly constant since August 2016	The number of authorisations has not kept pace with the number of applications.	Dedicated resource has been introduced to deal with the number of authorisations that need to be completed.
Following senior management intervention, outstanding Best Interests and Doctor's Assessments have been brought under control.	We will want to seek to avoid further bottlenecks in the process leading to a backlog accruing.	There are some additional issues relating to case allocation which are being dealt with. A longer term plan is also being developed to look at how we can effectively manage normal flow.
Introduction of dedicated resource to deal with the number of authorisations has improved timeliness.	There is continued pressure from existing authorisations requiring review	Continue to monitor the situation very closely.

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#### Planned Future Developments to this Report

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The following have been identified as subject matter that we wish to develop capability of providing accurate, reliable and meaningful information.

#### **Assessment & Care Management**

Caseloads & reviews is a topic that we will be working on throughout 2017, across mental health, learning disability and integrated services.

Mental Health referrals will be added to future reports, as well as performance on reviewing those with an active Care and Treatment Plan.

Learning Disability referrals and assessments will be delivered before the Summer 2017.

#### **Well-Being and Prevention Services**

The Local Area Co-ordination (LAC) service will be developing additional metrics ring 2017.

 $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ e will be developing appropriate metrics for other related services.

#### **Service provision**

Older People:

- Utilisation of local authority residential care capacity and occupancy *Learning Disability:*
- Numbers in residential / nursing plus supported living
- Utilisation of day services: allocation / attendance
- Respite Services

#### Mental Health

- Numbers in residential / nursing plus supported living
- Numbers in day services

#### **Direct Payments**

Specific data items to be confirmed

#### Carers

Specific data items to be confirmed

#### Safeguarding

#### POVA:

- Outstanding work
- Provider issues summary

#### DoLS:

We will continue to consider further metrics

#### **Human Resources**

This section of the report will be developed over time to incorporate material on human resources issues. Topics currently being considered include:-

- Sickness
- Agency Staff

#### **Appendix A: Performance Indicators**

The following pages list the most recent recorded performance on each of the performance indicators that are currently used within social services.

#### **Current National Social Services and Well-Being Act Statutory Quantitative Measures**

Performance Results for 2017-18  Data as at 17 July 2017	Period	Numerator*	Denomin ator *	Swansea 2017/18	Wales Average 2015/16	Swansea Target 2017/18**	Desired direction of travel	Status	Distance from Target
Measure 18: The percentage of adult protection enquiries completed within 7 days	Jul-17	419	446	93.95		90	<b>↑</b>	G	4.4%
Measure 19: Delayed transfers per 1,000 people aged 75+	Aug-17	110	21,672	5.08		4	<b>\</b>	R	26.9%
Measure 20a: The percentage of adults who completed a period of reablement and have a reduced package of care and support 6 months later	Jun-17	3	4	75.00		50	1	G	50.0%
Measure 20b: The percentage of adults who completed a period of reablement and have no package of care and support 6 months later	Jun-17	77	244	31.56		25	1	G	26.2%
Measure 21: The average length of time older people (aged 65 or over) are supported in residential care homes	Jul-17	425,353	467	910.82		1000	<b>\</b>	G	-8.9%
₩easure 22: Average age of adults entering residential care homes	Jul-17	2,107	25	84.28		84	<b>↑</b>	G	0.3%
Measure 23: The percentage of adults who have received support from the information, vice and assistance service and have not contacted the service again during the year	Aug-17	728	881	82.63		80	1	G	3.3%

#### Former National Statutory Measures no longer required for formal reporting

Performance Results for 2017-18  Data as at 17 July 2017	Period	Numerator*	Denomin ator*	Swansea 2017/18	Average	Swansea Target 2016/17 †	Desired direction of travel	Status	Distance from Target
SCA001: Delayed transfers per 1,000 people aged 75+	Aug-17	132	21,672	6.09	4.87	6	$\downarrow$	А	1.5%
SCA002a: Rate per 1,000 older people helped to live at home at end of period	2016/17	2,901	46,812	61.97	64.12	72.00	<b>1</b>	R	-13.9%
SCA002b: Rate per 1,000 older people supported in care homes at end of period	Jul-17	907	46,812	19.38	18.02	19.5	$\downarrow$	G	-0.6%
SCA007: % of reviews carried out	Aug-17	4,163	6,123	67.99	82.9%	80.00	<b>1</b>	R	-15.0%
SCA018a: % of identified carers offered assessment	Aug-17	195	224	87.05	91.4%	97.50	$\uparrow$	R	-10.7%
SCA018b: % of identified carers who received a specific carers assessment	Aug-17	272	224	121.43	28.9%	40.00	$\uparrow$	G	203.6%
SCA018c: % of carers who received an assessment who received carers services as a result	Aug-17	65	272	23.90	72.4%	70.00	<b>↑</b>	R	-65.9%
SCA019: Reducing risk to vulnerable adults	2016/17	307	328	93.60	97.0%	94.00	$\uparrow$	A	-0.4%
SCA020: % all adults supported in the community	2016/17	5,660	6,816	83.04	85.2%	85.30	$\uparrow$	А	-2.6%

## **Current Local Non-Statutory Corporate Plan Indicators - 2017/18 Suite**

Performance Results for 2017-18  Data as at 17 July 2017	Period	Numerator*	Denomin ator*	Swansea 2017/18	Wales Average 2015/16	Swansea Target 2017/18**	Desired direction of travel	Status	Distance from Target
AS8: Percentage of adult protection referrals to Adult Services where decision is taken within 24 hours	Jul-17	298	446	66.82		65.00	<b>↑</b>	G	2.8%
AS9: The percentage of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguarding (DoLS) Assessments completed in 21 days or less.	Jul-17	371	578	64.19		60.00	<b>↑</b>	G	7.0%
AS10: Percentage of annual reviews of care and support plans completed in adult services (SCA007)	Aug-17	4,163	6,123	67.99		65.00	<b>1</b>	G	4.6%
AS11: Rate of adults aged 65+ receiving care and support to meet their well-being needs per 1,000 population	Jun-17	4,141	47,220	87.70		113.00	<b>1</b>	R	-22.4%
AS12: Rate of adults aged 18-64 receiving care and support to meet their well-being needs per 1,000 population	Jun-17	1,420	149,958	9.47		9.00	<b>1</b>	G	5.2%
AS13: Rate of carers (aged 18+) who received a carer's assessment in their own right during the year per 1,000 adults receiving services	Aug-17	272	1,390	195.65		82.00	<b>1</b>	G	138.6%
314: The percentage of people who have completed reablement who were receiving less here or no care 6 months after the end of reablement.	Jun-17	202	244	82.79		75.00	<b>1</b>	G	10.4%
ക്ട15: Percentage of all statutory indicators for Adult Services that have maintained or improved performance from the previous year.	Jun-17	6	7	85.71		80.00	1	G	7.1%

## **Appendix B: Performance Indicators: Numerators and Denominators: 2017/18**

The following table sets out the numerators and denominators for each of the performance indicators referenced within this document.

Type of Measure	Performance Indicator Definitions	Numerator*	Denominator*
SSWBA	Measure 18: The percentage of adult protection enquiries completed within 7 days	Adult protection enquiries completed within 7 days	Adult protection enquiries completed
SSWBA	Measure 19: Delayed transfers (SCA001)	Number of people delayed in hospital for social services reasons on Census day each month throughout the year	Population aged 75+
SSWBA	Measure 20a: The percentage of adults who completed a period of reablement and have a <b>reduced package</b> of care and support 6 months later	People who have less care than when they completed reablement 6 months previously	People who completed a period of reablement 6 months previously
SSWBA Page	Measure 20b: The percentage of adults who completed a period of reablement and have <b>no package of care</b> and support 6 months later	People who have no care 6 months after completing reablement	People who completed a period of reablement 6 months previously
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SSWBA	Measure 22: Average age of adults entering residential care homes	Total age at entry for all those aged 65+ admitted to residential care	Total number aged 65+ admitted to residential care
SSWBA	Measure 23: The percentage of adults who have received support from the information, advice and assistance service and have not contacted the service again during the year	The number of adults who received support from the IAA service during the year who contacted the service only once during the year	The number of adults who received support from the IAA service during the year
Local	AS8: % of adult protection referrals to Adult Services where decision is taken within 24 hours	Adult protection enquiries completed within 24 hours	Adult protection enquiries completed
Local	AS9: % of DOLS assessments completed within timescale	DOLS Assessments completed within timescale (21 days) during the period	Total DOLS Assessments completed during the period
Local	AS10: % annual reviews of care and support plans completed in adult services	Number of reviews of care and support plans carried out within the last year	Number of people whose care & support plans should have been reviewed
Local	AS11: Rate of older adults aged 65+ receiving care and support to meet their well-being needs per 1,000 population	Number of adults 65+ receiving care and support to meet their well-being needs	Population aged 65+
Local	AS12: Rate of adults aged 18-64 receiving care and support to meet their well-being needs per 1,000 adults	Number of adults aged 18-64 receiving care and support to meet their well-being needs	Population aged 18-64

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Type of Measure	Performance Indicator Definitions	Numerator*	Denominator*
Local	AS13: Rate of carers (aged 18+) who received a carer's assessment in their own right per 1,000 adults supported to meet their well-being needs during the year	Number of carers 18+ receiving an assessment of their caring needs in their own right	Number of adults aged 18+ receving care and support to meet their well-being needs
Local	AS14: % of people who have received reablement who receive fewer hours of care or receive no care 6 months after completing reablement	Number of people who have completed reablement who receive fewer hours of care or receive no care 6 months after completing reablement	Number of people who have completed reablement
Local	AS15: The percentage of statutory performance indicators where performance is improving	The number of statutory performance indicators where performance is improving	The number of statutory performance indicators
Local	SUSC11: The rate of new connections between people and resources recorded by Local Area Coordinators per 1,000 adults aged 18+	The number of new connections recorded between people referred to the LAC team	Population aged 18+



# Report of the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### **POLICY COMMITMENTS**

Purpose	To brief the Panel on the how the Council's Policy Commitments translate to Adult Services
Content	This report includes the full set of Policy Commitments as agreed by full Council on 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2017, which apply to Adult Services. The report provides the most recent return that has been provided, which identifies measures of success, progress to date, RAG status and Lead Cabinet Member/Officers.
Councillors are being asked to	Give their views on the Policy Commitments as they apply to Adult Services.
Lead Councillor(s)	Cllr Mark Child, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
Lead Officer(s)	Dave Howes, Chief Social Services Officer Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services
Report Author	Alex Williams 01792 636245 alex.williams2@swansea.gov.uk

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 Full Council adopted the Policy Commitments for the current term at its meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- 1.2 118 Policy Commitments were adopted. Of these some will be delivered either wholly by Adult Services or in partnership between Adult Services, Poverty and Prevention and Housing and Public Protection.
- 1.3 This paper identifies those commitments as they relate to Adult Services, and what progress has been made to date.

#### 2. Adult Services Policy Commitments

- 2.1 The Policy Commitments and progress to date is set out in the table below.
- 2.2 It should be noted that for some of the Policy Commitments, Adult Services is not solely responsible but the Policy Commitments will be delivered in partnership with other parts of the Council, most notably Housing and Public Protection, and Poverty and Prevention.
- 2.3 The RAG status adopted denotes whether achievement of the Policy Commitment is on track; green on track, amber a slight delay, red a significant delay.

Policy Commitment	Success criteria	Progress from May to Sept 2017	Overall RAG status	Lead CM & Officer
Promoting Community				
Safety				
57. Support people to	<ul> <li>Expansion to all</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Additional funding secured from</li> </ul>	Green	Cllr Child, Cabinet
live independently by	22 identified areas	Pobl, Swansea University and		Member for Health
ensuring a network of	within the City and	the Fire and Rescue Service.		and Wellbeing,
local area co-ordinators	County of	<ul> <li>Expansion into 4 new areas,</li> </ul>		Alex Williams,

is established to cover the whole of Swansea.	Swansea  • Demonstrable social return of investment	<ul> <li>taking total coverage to 10 of the 22 areas; recruitment process for the additional 4 underway.</li> <li>Discussions with Swansea University surrounding how to track on a live basis social return on investment.</li> </ul>		Head of Adult Services
Standing Up for Council Employees				
76. Work towards eliminating the use of exclusivity in zero hour contracts within the Authority, to give certainty to employees about their hours of work. Sign up to Unison's care standard in order to protect and support workers.	For Adult Services:  • Adoption of Unison Ethical Care Charter  • Implementation of the key aspects of the Charter	<ul> <li>For Adult Services:</li> <li>No member of staff is employed on a zero hours contract.</li> <li>Council has formally adopted Ethical Care Charter.</li> <li>Safeguarding PDDC has considered implementation plans.</li> <li>Remaining elements will be delivered via the Domiciliary Care procurement exercise.</li> </ul>	Green	Cllr Child, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services (for Adult Services elements of this)
Building Better, Affordable and Energy Efficient Homes				
83. Support independent living; provide improved options for older people; increase funding for housing co-operatives	Clear     Commissioning     Strategy for Older     People in place,     which identifies	Commissioning Group has been established to begin to draft the Commissioning Strategy	Green	Joint Housing/Adult Services: Cllr Child, Cabinet Member for Health

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and mutual housing, and prioritise those in housing need, especially the homeless.		population needs in relation to accommodation and how these will be addressed. Market development to support that need.				and Wellbeing, Cllr Lewis, Cabinet Member for Housing, Energy and Building Services, Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services and Lee Morgan, Head of Housing and Public Protection
Independence Dignity and respect						
94. Promote independent living, providing people with the support to live in their own homes with dignity and respect as long as they want.	•	Appropriate services are in place to support people at home for longer. Numbers of funded residential/nursing places decrease.	•	In line with the Western Bay Optimum Model, the Reablement Home Care service has been developed to allow Adult Services to offer more people short-term support to allow them to regain their skills and confidence to remain at home for longer. There are 28 designated residential Reablement beds in Bonymaen House and Ty Waunarlwydd which offer more targeted support to allow people to regain skills and confidence to wherever possible return home.	Green	Cllr Child, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services.

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Prevention and Health Promotion		<ul> <li>The number of people supported at home by long-term domiciliary care has increased, whilst the number of people in funded residential/nursing placements has plateaued. This demonstrates that more people are being supported in their own homes.</li> <li>Social work practice is developing, to encourage practitioners to have strengths-based conversations with people from the onset to ensure that support is provided in line with their wishes.</li> </ul>		
95. Deliver integrated services to ensure a continued focus on prevention and early intervention - investing in the conditions which maintain independence and support families, rather than dealing with the consequences of family breakdown and ill	<ul> <li>Adoption and implementation of the Western Bay Model for Intermediate Tier services</li> <li>Adoption and implementation of the new Adult Services Practice Framework</li> </ul>	The City and County of Swansea has adopted the Western Bay Model and committed to deliver all elements of the model. All, but three elements of the Model are now fully implemented. More people are consequently supported at home, particularly through residential and homebased Reablement services allowing them to be supported at	Green	Cllr Child, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services.

health.	Development and	home for longer.
moditi.	Delivery of the	The Adult Services Practice
	Adult Services	Framework is in development to
	offer in relation to	transform the approach to Social
	the Council's	Work practice. The new
	Prevention	approach will have a much
	Strategy.	greater focus on prevention and
	Strategy.	early intervention and strengths
		based/outcome focussed
		conversations and attempt to
		support people earlier in the
		continuum rather than when they
		reach crisis.
		The Prevention Strategy is
		currently out to consultation.
		Once the consultation has been
		concluded and the Council
		agrees the final strategy, a
		Commissioning Strategy in
		relation to prevention and early
		intervention for Adults will be
		developed. Integral to delivery of
		this Strategy will be key existing
		initiatives such as the
		development of Information,
		Advice and Assistance, Local
		Area Coordination, Adult Family
		Group Conferencing and the
		Supporting People Programme.

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96. Review the effectiveness of social service provision and reinvesting and redesigning services to make them sustainable for the long term.	Completion and agreement of the preferred options of the 4 Adult Services Commissioning Reviews, in relation to:  Domiciliary Care Residential Care for Older People Day Services for Older People Accommodation and Day Related Support for People with Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities and Mental III-Health.	<ul> <li>Overarching Service Model agreed by Cabinet in June 2017.</li> <li>Outcome of Domiciliary Care Review agreed and preferred options in the process of being implemented, with a view to reprocuring the external service in 2018.</li> <li>Further consideration of the preferred options for the Residential Care and Day Services Reviews, with a view to a decision being made as to how to proceed.</li> <li>Commissioning Strategies for Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities and Mental III-Health drafted and due to be considered by the Safeguarding PDDC in October.</li> </ul>	Green	Cllr Child, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services.
97. Work with other partners to identify investment opportunities for new facilities to create sheltered accommodation, and extra care facilities to deliver next generation elderly care services.	See Policy Commitment 83	See Policy Commitment 83	See Policy Commitment 83	See Policy Commitment 83

98. Help people stay healthy and age well		Delivery of the Ageing Well Plan	•	Plan is in place and being delivered	Green	Joint Adult Services and Poverty and Prevention: Cllr Child, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services, Rachel Moxey, Head of Poverty and Prevention (Lead Officer)
Better Services						
99. Adopt the new Welsh Community Care Information System and work with regional and health service partners and re-design services to ensure greater integration and collaboration between health and social care systems to improve patient services.	•	Signing of the Deployment Order Implementation of WCCIS	•	Regional Team has been appointed. Swansea specific team in the process of being appointed. Implementation plan has been drafted. Work ongoing to scope requirements to ensure all processes are mapped and key milestones are identified.	Amber	Joint Social Services and ICT: Cllr Child, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, Cllr Lloyd, Cabinet Member for Service Transformation and Business Operations, Dave Howes, Chief Social Services Officer and Sarah

				Caulkin, Interim Director of Resources
Helping people recover				
100. Invest in services				
to help people re-able				
and recover so that they				
are able to return to				
living an active and				
productive life.				
Focusing on those most				
in need				
101. Focus resources	See Policy	See Policy Commitment 95	See Policy	See Policy
for residential care on	Commitment 95		Commitment 95	Commitment 95
those with the most				
complex needs so that				
they are properly				
supported				
Older people				
102. Work with older	<ul> <li>Establishment of a</li> </ul>	Work yet to be scoped.	Red	TBC
people and the Older	Charter for Older			
People's Commissioner	People			
for Wales to establish a				
Charter for Older People				
to ensure that our				
commitment is				
delivered.				
Swansea – a Dementia				
Friendly City				

103. Working with partner organisations, local employers and the third sector. Develop Swansea's status as the first Dementia Friendly City in Wales.	•	Achieving Dementia Friendly Status.	•	Delivery plan has been developed as part of the Ageing Well Plan.	Green	Cllr Child, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and Rachel Moxey, Head of Poverty and Prevention.
Public Interest above Private Profit						
104. Intervene in the social care provider market and explore how it can expand the provision of council run services. Specifically we will work in social and residential care to ensure, where provision is of last resort, that there is a diverse range of suppliers, including not-for-profit, cooperative and social enterprise providers.	•	Adoption of Commissioning Strategies in relation to client groups which identify population need and service provision required. Service reviews and market development linked to those Commissioning Strategies	•	Commissioning Strategies currently being drafted. Commissioning Strategies in relation to Physical Disabilities, Learning Disabilities and Mental III-Health due to be considered by Safeguarding PDDC in October.	Green	Cllr Child, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services.
Investing in Our People						
105. Continue to invest in our staff at all levels in social services and build stronger links with	•	Development and Implementation of overall Workforce Development Plan	•	Workforce Development Plans in the process of being drafted. Strong links in place with Swansea University through the	Green	Cllr Child, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and Dave Howes, Chief

Swansea's universities	for Adult Services	Institute of Life Sciences, Social	Social Services
and others, so that	and Child and	Work department and Health and	Officer.
providers of these vital	Family Services.	Wellbeing Academy.	
services keep abreast of	<ul> <li>Ongoing work with</li> </ul>		
best practice and new	the University to		
innovations in research,	develop social		
treatment and delivery.	work practice and		
	learning from best		
	practice.		

## 3 Conclusions

3.1 The Scrutiny Performance Panel is asked to consider the Policy Commitments as they relate to Adult Services.

## **Work Programme**

Meeting Date	Items to be discussed
Meeting 1	Overview of key priorities and challenges for Adult
Tues 8 August 2017	Services in Swansea
	Presentation by Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services
3.30pm	
	Role of the Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel
	including Terms of Reference and Work Programme
	Letters to / from Convener
Meeting 2	Prevention including (i) Update on Local Area Coordination
Wed 20 September 2017	(LAC) and (ii) Supporting People
2017	Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services and Steve Porter / Jane Harries, Housing
3.00pm	Jane Harries, Housing
-100p	Overview of Western Bay Programme (postponed)
	Sara Harvey, Programme Director
Meeting 3	Performance Monitoring
Tues 10 October	
2017	Report on how Council's policy commitments translate
2 20nm	to Adult Services
3.30pm	Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services
Meeting 4	Demand Management including Deprivation of Liberty
Tues 21 November	Safeguards (DoLS)
2017	
	Overview of Western Bay Programme including
3.30pm	Governance
	Sara Harvey, Programme Director
Meeting 5	Workforce Development
Tues 19 December	Trondicio Botolopinone
2017	
	Systems Support
3.30pm	
Meeting 6	Performance Monitoring
Tues 16 January	Ducantation on David system (TDC)
2018	Presentation on Dewis system (TBC)
3.30pm	
Additional meeting	Draft budget proposals for Adult Services
(Feb 17?)	
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Meeting 7	Intermediate Care including DFGs
Tues 13 February	
2018	DoLS Update

3.30pm	Implications of FNC judgement on funding of nursing care (TBC)
Meeting 8	Commissioning Reviews - Domiciliary Care and
Tues 20 March 2018	Procurement Update
3.30pm	Cabinet Member presentation and Q and A Session
Meeting 9	Performance Monitoring
Tues 17 April 2018	_
3.30pm	

# Agenda Item 7



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**Summary:** This is a letter from the Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing following the meeting of the Panel on 20 September 2017. It covers an update on the approach to Prevention in Adult Services.

#### Dear Cllr Child

The Panel met on 20 September and looked at the approach to Prevention in Adult Services in line with obligations set out in the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act and the Adult Services Improvement Plan.

We are writing to you to reflect on what we learnt from the discussion, share the views of the Panel, and, where necessary, raise any issues or recommendations for your consideration and response. The main issues discussed are summarised below:

#### Prevention

The Panel would like to thank Alex Williams for attending to outline the approach to Prevention and answering the Panel's questions and Steve Porter for attending to answer questions on the Supporting People initiative. The Panel appreciates their engagement and input.

Information, Advice and Assistance Strategy

The Panel heard that the front door into Adult Services, the Common Access Point, has been redesigned to offer advice so people can self-support rather than be referred in for assistance. They look forward to seeing the available data on calls closed at the Common Access Point included in the Performance Report at the next meeting. They were pleased to hear that staff are able to offer information on the telephone related to

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However, the Panel was concerned to hear that it is not obvious from the front page of the Council website how to access Social Services pages and that upon raising this issue with officers the department was told that the Council's front page cannot be changed from the current format. The Panel will be writing to Clive Lloyd Cabinet Member for Service Transformation and Business Operations separately for clarification and will copy you in.

The Panel was pleased to hear that feedback from last week's CSSIW inspection on compliance with the Social Services Act was good.

The Panel would like to know more about the DEWIS information platform, where information in relation to what services/support is available, will be captured going forward. A presentation on this platform will be added to the future work programme of the Panel.

#### Local Area Coordination (LAC)

The Panel was pleased to hear about the significant developments in terms of expansion of Local Area Coordination to a further four areas and about partnership support in terms of funding. However the Panel felt that there is a risk to the sustainability of the approach given time limited partnership funding for everything over six coordinators and one team manager. The Panel will monitor this going forward.

The Panel understands that evaluating the contribution of Local Area Coordinators is very difficult and that direct savings cannot be shown. However they heard that the department plans to develop performance data to show the contribution of Local Area Coordinators to help evaluate overall benefits. The Panel would like to be kept informed on progress in developing performance data.

#### Adult Family Group Conferencing

The Panel heard that this initiative has been refocussed to target referrals from GPs and Primary Care and that Swansea Carers Centre has been appointed to provide the mediation function. The Panel would like more detail from the department on this change in approach and how it works including some scenarios to help understand it.

Commissioning Strategy supporting early intervention in Adult Services

The Panel was pleased to hear that a Commissioning Strategy outlining the Adult Services offer to prevention and early intervention is going to be developed with partners once the Prevention Strategy has been agreed, and that work on the Commissioning Strategy will commence in the new year. The Panel look forward to receiving updates on progress at its meetings.

#### Supporting People

The Panel heard that Supporting People is a government initiative which funds accommodation related support services. The Panel also heard that funding for next year has not yet been confirmed by the Welsh Government. The Panel would like to be updated on this at a future meeting.

#### **Financial Implications**

The Panel was informed that as Adult Services moves to a more prevention/early intervention approach, there is an expectation that greater resource will be invested in this element of the approach and disinvested in more formal forms of care. The Panel felt that it would be useful to use a pilot approach when shifting this resource. The Panel would welcome your views on this suggestion.

#### **Your Response**

We hope you find this letter useful and informative. We would welcome your comments on any of the issues raised but please note that in this instance, a formal response is not required.

Yours sincerely

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Summary: This is a letter from the Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel to the Cabinet Member for Service Transformation & Business Operations following the meeting of the Panel on 20 September 2017. It concerns access to Social Services pages on the Council website.

#### Dear Cllr Lloyd

This letter is about the Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel meeting held on 20 September 2017.

Alex Williams attended to outline Adult Services' approach to Prevention in line with obligations set out in the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act and the Adult Services Improvement Plan.

We are writing to you following the discussion to raise an issue of concern to the Panel for your consideration and response.

The Panel discussed the Information, Advice and Assistance Strategy and heard that Adult Services pages on the Council's website are clear about where to go for information. However, the Panel was concerned to hear that it is not obvious from the front page of the Council website how to access Social Services pages and that upon raising this issue with officers the department was told that the Council's front page cannot be changed from the current format.

It is vital that users can easily find their way from the front page of the Council's website to the Social Services pages in order to obtain information and advice. The Panel is writing to you as Cabinet Member for Service Transformation and Business

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### **Your Response**

Please note that in this instance, a formal response is required. Please could we have your response by 19 October 2017.

Yours sincerely

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