

A. Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel Update

1. Remit of the Panel

The overarching purpose of the Panel is to ensure that performance in Adult Services is effectively monitored and challenged.

2. Introduction

The Panel is focused on contributing to good performance in adult services by providing a critical friend for the Cabinet and helping to ensure accountability. This is particularly important because of the need to transform the delivery of adult services, all within the context of an aging population and an increasingly reduced budget.

3. Key Activities

The Panel was established in May and has held 5 meetings. In that time it has: agreed its terms of reference; developed, consulted on and agreed a work plan; co-opted a member of the public onto the panel for the year; produced 3 convener's letters; timetabled quarterly performance monitoring. Please note that the panel agreed to assess whether a convener's letter was needed at the end of each meeting.

The main issues covered were as follows:

June and July

- Developed and agreed terms of reference and work plan.

August

- Scrutinised the adult services improvement plan
- Examined case management of learning disabilities and performance management data.

September

- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards officer briefing. The report:
 - outlined the current position in Swansea in relation to the volume of DoLS received following the 'Cheshire West' judgement and Swansea's approach to managing it.
 - highlighted the resource implications related to this as well as the potential financial risk to the Local Authority linked to successful legal challenge.

October

- Domiciliary Care Commissioning Review Consultation Report – questioning strategy development for the additional meeting to be held on 3 November

4. Achievements / Impact

- **Performance**

- The panel has agreed to conduct regular performance monitoring
- **Commissioning Reviews**
 - The panel has developed questions for its additional meeting on the domiciliary care commissioning review. Topics to be covered at the meeting will include: links between domiciliary care, day services, learning disabilities and residential care; extent of involvement of partners in the consultation process; community resources and capacity of the third sector; projecting the support and housing needs of older people

5. Future Work Programme

- The Panel will continue to meet on a monthly basis.
- The Panel has developed and agreed a work plan for 2016/17 and it will include mental health, performance management, regionally provided services and commissioning reviews pre-decision.

6. Action required by the Scrutiny Programme Committee

None.