



**Report of the Cabinet Member for Health and Well-being  
Child and Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel – 26  
February 2018**

**EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION**

<b>Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To provide an overview of the policy/ service area</li></ul>
<b>Content</b>	<p>This report includes an overview of Prevention and Early intervention services, describing to Members how progress is measured. Include explanation of important technical terms This report will be of interest to ... The report asks Members to highlight which areas they would like regularly reported</p>
<b>Councillors are being asked to</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give their views</li></ul>
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## 1. Introduction and background

Prevention and Early Intervention are managed as part of the Poverty and Prevention Service within the People Directorate. This report is generic, setting out the structure through which this service is managed and what the service delivers. Child and Family Scrutiny are asked to highlight which aspects of the service you would like to receive future reports on and what performance information you wish to see.

## 2. Poverty and prevention strategies

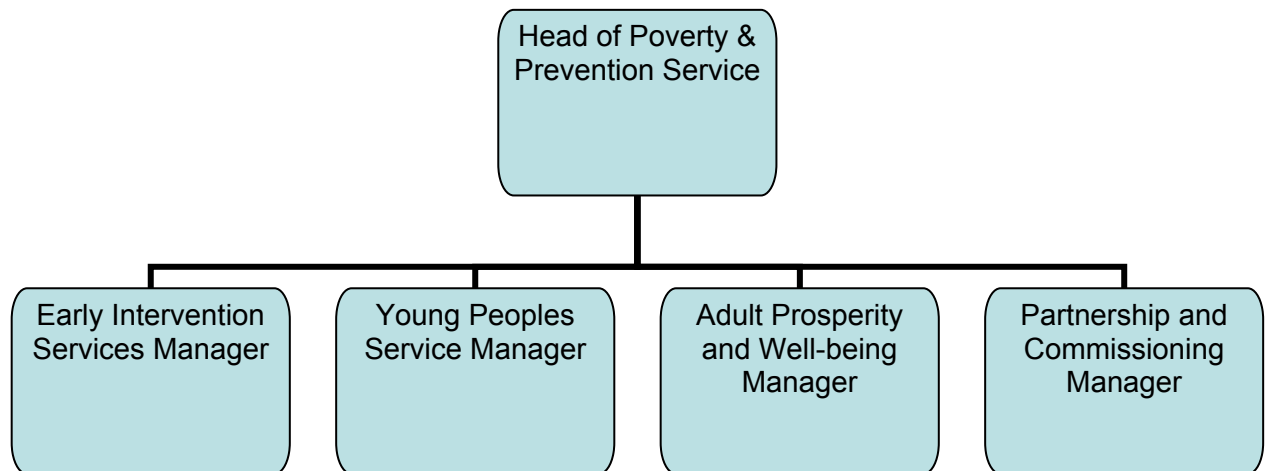
The work of Poverty and Prevention is directed through the implementation of the Poverty and Prevention Strategies, which have recently been revised. The Council adopted the revised Tackling Poverty Strategy in January 2018. The Prevention Strategy goes to Cabinet with the recommendation for adoption in March.

The two strategies take a corporate approach with the overriding theme of tackling poverty and prevention work being 'everyone's business'. Each strategy has a dynamic delivery plan with a Cabinet Member, Director and Head of Service having responsibility for each of the individual outcomes. Activities against these outcomes are reported quarterly from April 2018. This will give a broad picture of all activity that the Council is delivering to tackle poverty. Both Strategies and the associated delivery plans can be found appended to this report.

The service works to a performance dashboard, which outlines progress against key projects on a quarterly basis.

## 3. Poverty and Prevention Services

Poverty and Prevention Structure.



The Service underwent some changes in structure in 2017. These changes reflect the support required to deliver both strategies and to develop the

service in order to provide an all age response to tackling poverty and providing early intervention services. This will in turn, build the Council's capacity to support people regardless of their age and deliver the right service at the right time and the right place.

In all instances, the teams concerned are offering some form of early intervention service.

From left to right in the diagram:

- Early Intervention Services provide early help and support to children and their families between the ages of -9 months (pregnant parents) through to 11 years of age (end of primary school). Services include:
  - Jigso (support for young parents).
  - Flying Start - the Welsh Government's flagship early years programme for families with children who are under 4 years of age. The programme aims to make a decisive difference to the life chances of eligible children in identified Flying Start areas.
  - Team around the Family in Schools (TiS) an holistic way of working in partnership that allows for the whole family to receive support that is co-ordinated.
- Young people's services provide early help and support to young people and their families between the ages of 11 and 24, including young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). Services are offered under the banner of 'Evolve' and include:
  - Support from a lead worker, in times of difficulty.
  - Specialist support in areas such as sexual health, domestic abuse, risk taking behaviour and safety online.
  - Opportunities for young people that require additional support to get in, and stay in, employment, education or training.
  - Info-Nation: a one-stop shop for young people, offering information, advice and support on issues such as sexual health, homelessness, leaving care, substance misuse, etc.
  - Local youth clubs offering a wide range of opportunities for young people.
  - Gower Activity Centres: offering a range of residential and outdoor activities.
  - Cam Nesa – a project offering support to young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET).
- Adult prosperity and well-being services provide support to adults of all ages through a number of services which currently include:
  - Swansea Working – an all age tailored employability programme.
  - Lifelong learning services offering vocational learning and development, adult resilience and special interest programmes.
  - Welfare rights support.
  - Welfare benefits, digital and financial inclusion support (from April 2018).
- Partnerships and Commissioning support key local and regional partnership approaches including:
  - Crime and community safety.

- Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence (VAWDASV)
- Community cohesion.
- Rights based approaches (including UNCRC).
- Living and ageing well.

#### **4. The way forward**

As outlined above, the work of the service is broad and cross cutting. Early intervention services are offered across all the ages and stages of life, recognising that some development is required in the adult prevention services area. Scrutiny are requested to outline which areas of the service's work they wish to examine over the coming months and years in order that reports and presentations are tailored to reflect this.

#### **5. Discussion and recommendations**

- That Scrutiny note the report
- That Scrutiny highlight the areas of work they wish to examine
- That Poverty and Prevention respond to this request over the coming months.