



City and County of Swansea

## Minutes of the **Scrutiny Performance Panel – Adult Services**

Guildhall, Swansea

Tuesday, 30 July 2019 at 4.00 pm

**Present:** Councillor P M Black (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**

J W Jones  
Y V Jardine  
E T Kirchner

**Councillor(s)**

V M Evans  
S M Jones  
G J Tanner

**Councillor(s)**

P R Hood-Williams

**Co-opted Member(s)**

T Beddow

**Other Attendees**

Mark Child

Cabinet Member - Care, Health & Ageing Well

**Officer(s)**

David Howes  
Liz Jordan  
Nicola Trotman

Director of Social Services  
Scrutiny Officer  
West Glamorgan Partnership Interim Programme Director

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): C A Holley and P K Jones

Co-opted Member(s): Katrina Guntrip

Officer(s): Deborah Reed

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

No disclosures of interest were made.

**2 Prohibition of Whipped Votes and Declaration of Party Whips**

No declarations were made.

**3 Notes of previous meeting**

The Panel agreed the notes of the meeting on 20 June as an accurate record of the meeting.

Discussion Points:

- Page 4 – Item 7 – Actions – two round table events have been organised at the Carers Centre – 3 September and 4 September.
- Page 5 – Item 8 – issues with RNIB still under discussion. Contract extended to 31 March.

Actions:

- Send invite to Cabinet Member and officers for the round table events.
- Keep update on RNIB on forward agenda for Cabinet Member to provide updates.

#### **4 Public Question Time**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

#### **5 Update on West Glamorgan Transformation Programme Arrangements Following Review**

Nicola Trotman, Interim Programme Director attended to brief the Panel on arrangements following review. This included an overview of the new West Glamorgan Partnership, including Vision, Aims and Principles, governance and key workstreams under the three transformational boards.

Discussion Points:

- The new structure is focussed on transformational issues.
- Page 13 – the ‘strapline’ – Panel queried how increased wealth from wellbeing, health and care is measured. Informed one of key priorities this year is to improve performance and develop short and medium term measures.
- Page 32 – governance structure – Panel pleased this has been simplified.
- Panel queried if there is a problem with scrutiny of regional partnerships. Cabinet Member feels Swansea officers would have no problem with this and he would encourage West Glamorgan Partnership board members to attend scrutiny if asked.
- Youth Offending Service is a good example of doing things regionally when you benefit from doing it regionally or doing it locally if it is better to do it locally. This should be the principle.
- Swansea Council expects to implement WCCIS in March/April next year. In terms of the regional part, not sure when this will be implemented. Health Board should sign the deployment order around December 2019. NPT has agreed to do it but we are unaware of the timescale. There are integrated targets and WCCIS will hopefully help monitor these.
- Total amount of resource for West Glamorgan Partnership is £15m + £15.5m for two programmes.
- Panel wanted to know where members come from for the Citizen’s Panel. Informed this is a structured group ie interested stakeholders, but membership is currently being developed. Panel will come back to this question in the future.
- Trying harder to engage citizens in the decision- making and work of this Partnership. A nominated member of the forums sit on the boards. Panel

feels if looking to engage stakeholders, should also be looking at non-executive councillors to be engaged in co-production.

- In terms of transparency, minutes of transformational boards should be available on the Partnership website. Informed they currently are not but minutes of the Executive Board are available. Website is being re-designed so they could be included in future.
- Panel interested to see case studies of where the Partnership is doing well and not doing so well.
- Panel feels there is a piece of work to be done by the Panel on scrutinising some of the regional projects.

Actions:

- Item to be scheduled for the Panel in 6 months on 'West Glamorgan Partnership - 3 case studies showing where the Partnership is doing well and not doing so well'.

## **6 Performance Monitoring**

Dave Howes, Director of Social Services attended to brief the Panel on the Performance Monitoring reports for May/June 2019.

Discussion Points:

- Page 37 – Carers Identified and Whether Wanted Carer Assessment - Some evidence that carers are increasingly being offered a carers assessment. Panel felt that if identification of carers is based on carers support, not all carers would be identified.
- Page 38 – Long Term Domiciliary Care – Figures staying about the same. Expect to see difference next year from the changes that have been made. Panel has previously requested to see trends rather than just last 2 months figures. Will go back and ask for this to be included in future reports.
- Panel queried how Long Term Domiciliary Care is prioritised. Informed there are a series of indicators. Safeguarding issue at home would have priority over someone in hospital, but this would have priority over someone out in the community (if no safeguarding issue).
- Page 50 – Delayed Transfers of Care - there is a significant problem. Highest levels of delayed transfers of care in June 2019 for 24 months.

Actions:

- Trends for Long Term Domiciliary Care to be provided in future performance reports.

## **7 Review of Final Budget Outturn**

Dave Howes, Director of Social Services briefed the Panel on the Adult Services Final Budget Outturn for 2018/19 and answered the Panel's questions.

## **8 Care Inspectorate Wales Local Authority Performance Review**

Dave Howes briefed the Panel on this item including an overview of the annual review of performance carried out by CIW and the letter to the Director of Social Services which summaries the evaluation of performance of social services during 2018/19. There are new arrangements within the CIW annual performance review plan for 2019/20.

Within Adult Services, CIW will be looking at the Authority's arrangements aligned to the thematic inspections for people who receive care and support services.

**9 Work Programme Timetable 2019/20**

Work Programme received and considered by the Panel.

**10 Letters**

Letters received and considered by the Panel.

The meeting ended at 5.40pm.