

Report of the Convener

Child and Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel - 22 June 2021

Child and Family Services Scrutiny Review of the Year 2020/21 and Draft Work Programme 2021/22

Purpose:	To reflect on the Panel's work, experience, and effectiveness over the past year, and to develop a work programme going forward that will provide ongoing challenge to Child and Family Services performance, to ensure that as the service is undergoing major change, performance is maintained and that further improvements are made across all areas of the service.
Content:	Summary of the Year's Activities 2020/21; Draft Work Programme 2021/22
Councillors are being asked to:	Reflect on the past year's activities; Share ideas to improve the effectiveness of Child and Family Services Scrutiny; Agree the work programme for the Council year 2021/2022.
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1.0 Review of the Year 2020-21

- 1.1 The Panel is invited to reflect on the year's scrutiny work, experience and effectiveness. Any ideas that will improve the effectiveness of the scrutiny of Child and Family Services are welcome.
- 1.2 To aid Panel Members, a summary of the year's work 2020/21 has been included at 1.3.
- 1.3 Child and Family Services Work Programme 2020-21:

Date	Items Discussed
Meeting 1 28 Oct 2020	1. WAO report: Follow-up review of corporate arrangements for the safeguarding of children – City and County of Swansea 2. Draft Work Programme 2020/21
Meeting 2 - Joint Social Services Meeting 16 Dec 2020	1. Update on Managing Covid-19 pandemic 2. Performance Monitoring

Meeting 3 - Joint Social Services Meeting 26 Jan 2020	1. Update on Managing Covid-19 pandemic 2. Performance Monitoring
Meeting 4 - Joint Social Services Meeting 15 Feb 2021	1. Draft Budget Proposals for Child and Family Services / Adult Services 2. Update on Managing Covid-19 pandemic
Meeting 5 24 Mar 2021	1. WAO report: Tackling Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (includes fieldwork in Swansea amongst others) 2. Performance Monitoring 3. Safeguarding Quality Unit Annual Report

- 1.4 Some of the questions the Panel may want to consider:
- What went well?
 - What did not go so well?
 - Has the Panel's work focused on the right things?
 - What have we learnt that will help us with future CFS scrutiny?

2.0 The Future Work Programme 2021-22

- 2.1 The Panel agrees the Child and Family Services Scrutiny Work Programme in May/June each year for the coming council year. The work programme can now be discussed and agreed for the 2021-22 Council year.
- 2.2 The draft Work Programme 2021-22 is attached at Appendix 1. This work programme is a combination of issues outstanding from last year, items the Panel looks at annually or has chosen to keep a watching brief on, and items highlighted to the Panel as key issues by the Child and Family Services Department/Cabinet Member.
- 2.3 The Panel is asked to consider and discuss the draft Child and Family Services Scrutiny Work Programme attached, to make any additions/amendments as required and then to agree its contents.

Appendix 1

CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE PANEL WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

<p>Meeting 1 Tuesday 25 May 2021</p> <p>4pm</p>	<p>Confirmation of Convener</p> <p>Update on progress with CAMHS <i>Joanne Abbott-Davies, Assistant Director of Strategy & Partnerships, West Glamorgan University Health Board</i> <i>Julie Davies, Head of Child and Family Services</i></p> <p>Briefing on Youth Offending Service <i>Jay McCabe, Principal Officer Bays+ and Youth Justice Services</i></p>
<p>Meeting 2 Tuesday 22 June 2021</p> <p>4pm</p>	<p>Update on Regional Adoption Service <i>Nichola Rogers, Regional Adoption Manager, Western Bay Adoption Service</i></p> <p>Initial feedback from CIW Assurance Visit <i>Julie Davies, Head of Child and Family Services</i></p> <p>Draft Work Programme 2021/22</p>
<p>Meeting 3 Wednesday 11 August 2021</p> <p>4pm</p>	<p>Performance Monitoring <i>Julie Davies, Head of Child and Family Services</i></p> <p>CIW Assurance Visit Full Report <i>Julie Davies, Head of Child and Family Services</i></p> <p>Outcome from Ty Nant CIW Inspection <i>Julie Davies, Head of Child and Family Services</i></p>
<p>Meeting 4 Tuesday 21 September 2021</p> <p>4pm</p>	<p>Progress on Child and Family Improvement Programme <i>Julie Davies, Head of Child and Family Services</i> <i>Gemma Whyley, Child and Family Services Project Manager</i></p> <p>Corporate Parenting Board Update <i>Gemma Whyley, Child and Family Services Project Manager</i></p> <p>Update on Child Disability Services <i>Julie Davies, Head of Child and Family Services</i> <i>Christopher Francis – Principal Officer, Child and Family Services</i></p>

<p>Meeting 5 Wednesday 3 November 2021</p> <p>4pm</p>	<p>Performance Monitoring <i>Julie Davies, Head of Child and Family Services</i></p> <p>Adolescent Strategy and Action Plan <i>Jay McCabe, Principal Officer Bays+ and Youth Justice Services</i></p>
<p>Meeting 6 Monday 13 December 2021</p> <p>4pm</p>	<p>Update on Support for Carers (including assessments) <i>Dave Howes TBC / Julie Davies TBC / Amy Hawkins TBC</i></p> <p>AS Panel Members to be invited for this item</p>
<p>Meeting 7 Tuesday 25 January 2022</p> <p>4pm</p>	<p>Delivery of Corporate Priorities in relation to Child and Family Services <i>Elliott King, Cabinet Member for Children Services</i> <i>Dave Howes, Director of Social Services</i></p> <p>Performance Monitoring <i>Julie Davies, Head of Child and Family Services</i></p>
<p>Additional Meeting Budget</p> <p>Date TBC February 2022</p>	<p>Draft Budget Proposals for Child and Family Services</p>
<p>Meeting 8 Wednesday 9 March 2022</p> <p>4pm</p>	<p>Safeguarding Quality Unit Annual Report (item to include briefing on safeguarding issues in relation to forced marriages) <i>Damian Rees</i></p> <p>Update from Regional Safeguarding Board on how regional arrangements are working TBC <i>Invite representative</i></p>

Future work programme items:

- Complaints Annual Report 2020/21 for Child and Family Services / Adult Services **Scheduled to go to AS Panel on 20 October 2021 – CFS Panel Members to be invited**
- Wales Audit Office Reports (dates to be confirmed)
- Why children become looked after (TBC)
- Examples of tools and techniques employed by front line staff in family engagement (TBC)
- Case Studies on Edge of Care (date TBC)