

Councillor Peter Black
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Dear Councillor Black

Thank you for your letter dated 7 June in respect of the Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel that took place on 16 May 2018.

In response to the specific points raised that require a response, I can respond as follows.

In relation to the Delayed Transfer of Care figures and the elevated levels for Gorseinon Hospital, as outlined in the meeting, the Head of Adult Services is looking into this issue to understand the reasons for the increase in delays recorded. It is unclear at this stage the reason behind this, so work is ongoing to identify the root cause. It is likely to be as a combination of differences in recording practice at Gorseinon Hospital compared to other ABM sites as well as the fact that the social work function for Gorseinon has recently transferred from the core hospital social work team to the North Hub. The Head of Adult Services will be investigating the issue to ensure that this situation does not become a trend and that delays recorded in Gorseinon are in line with what we would expect for the number of beds on the site.

With respect to annual reviews of allocated clients, please find attached a breakdown of the length of time since the last review per team. Please note that this information is presented with the caveat that the information provided for the Hospital Social Work Team is not a true picture of the current position. Due to the way that reviews are recorded in the Paris system, they are recorded against the last team to have had contact with the client. Therefore, some cases are allocated against the hospital social work team, although in reality responsibility for review falls with other teams as the hospital social work team only supports people during their hospital stay and their discharge home. This is an issue that is currently being explored to ensure that those cases are going forward listed against the correct team.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Child', written in a cursive style.

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