



HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN,
YSTRAD MYNACH ON TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER 2016 AT 5.30 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Councillor L. Ackerman - Chair
Councillor Mrs P. Cook - Vice Chair

Councillors:

A.P. Angel, Mrs A. Blackman, M. Evans, Ms J. Gale, C.J. Gordon, D.C. Harse, Ms L. Jones, A. Lewis, J.A. Pritchard, S. Skivens

Cabinet Member for Social Services: Councillor R. Woodyatt

Together with:

J. Williams (Assistant Director Adult Services), G. Jenkins (Assistant Director Children's Services), C. Forbes-Thompson (Interim Head of Democratic Services), T. Raswon (Solicitor), A. Dredge (Committee Services Officer)

Users and Carers – Mr C. Luke and Mrs M. Veater

Also Present – Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – J. Pagett (Chief Executive), D. Jenkins (Chair), P. Robson (Vice Chair), P. Buss (Medical Director), A. Shakeshaft (Director of Therapies and Health Science)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs E.M. Aldworth, L. Gardiner, G.J. Hughes, A. Passmore and D. Street (Corporate Director Social Services).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ackerman and Councillor J.A. Pritchard declared an interest in relation to agenda item 8 at the commencement of the meeting, Councillor S. Skivens declared an interest during the course of the meeting in relation to the same item. Details of which are recorded with the respective items.

3. MINUTES – 25TH OCTOBER 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 25th October 2016 (minute nos. 1- 9) be approved and signed as a correct record.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALL-IN PROCEDURE

There had been no matters referred to the Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.

5. REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBERS

The Scrutiny Committee received a verbal report from Councillor R. Woodyatt (Cabinet Member for Social Services). He was pleased to confirm that Caroline Davies (Registered Manager at Ty Iscoed Care Home) who'd been shortlisted for Care Home Manager of the Year at the National Care Awards, won the prestigious Award. Members joined Councillor Woodyatt in congratulating Mrs Davies on her success and confirmed that arrangements are in hand for her to attend full Council with her award.

The Cabinet Member was pleased to announce that on the 16th November 2016 the Regional Adults and Children's Safeguarding Boards together with the Domestic Violence Board held a joint event in Newport, where more than 200 front line staff attended the event titled 'Protection & Prevention – finding the balance'. This was the first time all 3 boards had come together in this way. Members were advised that Part 9 of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act requires Local Authorities and Health Boards to move to pooled budgets for Integrated Family Support and Residential Care for older people by April 2018. In order to begin to develop the working practices around this, staff from across Gwent have recently participated in a pilot workshop that has since been replicated in other parts of Wales. As the detail of this process emerges further reports will be presented to Scrutiny. Clarification was sought as to the amount of carers there are across the Caerphilly Borough and Officers advised these details will be obtained and distributed to the Scrutiny Committee Members following the meeting. In concluding, Councillor Woodyatt wished Members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Chair thanked the Cabinet Member for his informative report.

6. HEALTH SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Mrs Catherine Forbes-Thompson (Interim Head of Democratic Services) introduced the report that informed the Committee of its forward work programme including all reports that were identified at the meeting on the 25th October for the period December 2016 to April 2017.

Members were asked to consider the work programme and to make any amendments or suggested additional agenda items to be included for future meetings.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Social Services and Wellbeing Act Update scheduled for the meeting on the 7th February 2017 be replaced with Population Needs Assessment and a report on the Wellbeing Objectives: 1. *To help people make the best use of their household income and manage their debts.* 2. *Close the gap in life expectancy for residents between the most and least deprived areas in the Borough,* be added to this meeting. The Joint Frailty Task and Finish Group (update to be provided at the meeting scheduled on the 21st March 2017) requires 2 volunteers from Scrutiny and Members were asked to contact Mrs Forbes-Thompson with expressions of interest. The first proposed meeting of the Task and Finish Group with the joint Authorities will be held in January 2017. By a show of hands these amendments were unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that subject to the foregoing, the work programme appended to the report be approved:

- (i) the Social Services and Wellbeing Act Update listed for the meeting on the 7th February 2017 be replaced with Population Needs Assessment;
- (ii) a report on the Wellbeing Objectives (1). *To help people make the best use of their household income and manage their debts.* (2). *Close the gap in life expectancy for residents between the most and least deprived areas in the Borough,* be added to the meeting on the 7th February 2017.

7. CABINET REPORT

The Cabinet report listed on the agenda had not been called forward for discussion at the meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Consideration was given to the following reports.

8. ANEURIN BEVAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD UPDATE

Councillor Ackerman declared an interest in this item as a close relative is receiving continuing health care, Councillor J.A. Pritchard declared an interest as she is a patient at a local surgery and Councillor S. Skivens declared an interest as a close relative works for the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB).

The Chair welcomed Judith Pagett (Chief Executive) and her colleagues from the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board. Ms Pagett provided Members with a briefing as part of ABUHB's ongoing engagement with Caerphilly County Borough Council. She highlighted a number of key developments since December 2015 and also outlined information regarding current performance across a range of services including Welsh Government targets and current improvements plans. The briefing also included updates on other areas of the Health Board's activities including ongoing engagement with local communities and a series of service developments many of which are being taken forward in partnership.

The Scrutiny Committee were advised that Welsh Government has announced the approval for the Specialist and Critical Care Centre (SCCC) at Llanfrechfa Grange. The 462 bed purpose built hospital forms a key part of the Clinical Futures Strategy, to modernise health services in Gwent. The SCCC will create a highly specialised environment to support the treatment of patients who need complex and acute emergency care in this region.

It was explained that the Integrated Medium Term Plan (3 year plan) has been approved by Welsh Government and the Health Board are actively working on implementing programmes to support the delivery of the plan. Details of performance were set out and comparisons made between the 5 South East Authorities and across Wales in terms of delayed transfers of care. The Health Board and Local Authorities in Gwent have been working closely in recent years in order to reduce the number of patients delayed in hospital. Reference was made to Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr and figures were set out as to the progress achieved throughout 2015/16 including the number of babies born, attendances at the minor injury unit and outpatients clinic.

An overview was provided in terms of finance and the allocation of funding received from Welsh Government, Stroke Services and the Living Well, Living Longer Programme that has been undertaken with over 6,500 patients across Blaenau Gwent and Caerphilly. Members were advised that the Health Board continue to engage with the public and communities. Since September 2015, the Engagement Team have engaged with 9844 people in the local communities in over 95 locations.

The Chair thanked Mrs Pagett and her team for the update and responding to questions raised during the course of the debate.

9. HOSPITAL DISCHARGE TASK AND FINISH GROUP UPDATE

The Assistant Director of Adult Services presented the report that informed members of progress made on the work undertaken by the elected members Task and Finish Group on Hospital Discharge, which conclude in June 2016. The report identified the following priority areas as identified by the Task and Finish Group including Performance, Communication, Intermediate Care Funds and Winter Planning.

In terms of performance, Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC) is seen as the main reporting mechanism and is the judgement used by Welsh Government to determine how well a Health Board and Local Authority are performing. It is universally acknowledged this is an arbitrary measure that counts people rather than percentage of the population for each authority which has been raised with Welsh Government on several occasions. In 2015/2016 Caerphilly ranked 10th out of the 22 Local authorities in Wales (in 2013/2014 Caerphilly was ranked 22nd). This position reflects the continued efforts and hard work across Health and Social Care to ensure people do not stay in hospital any longer than necessary. The Scrutiny Committee were advised that Communication was the main feature of the discussions at the Task and Finish Group meetings with all concurring this was the most important area for individuals and their families. Members of the Group were involved in providing feedback on a range of information leaflets for use on the wards, giving people basic information on the wards roles and responsibilities and explaining the function of a multidisciplinary team etc. There was also a specific leaflet explaining the choice of accommodation policy for people who are entering long term care placements from hospital. Work is ongoing in this area as Welsh Government have recently indicated their wish to support this work nationally in terms of explaining to people why they

cannot stay in hospital when they require a long term placement, as the issue of choice is seen as one of the main codes reported in terms of DToC.

Work is progressing locally in readiness for the implementation of the single integrated IT system across Health and Social Care which should improve exchange of information and prevent duplication in terms of people having to repeat their stories/details more than once. Members were advised of the Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) that has been used primarily to focus on hospital discharge and services to prevent unnecessary admission to hospital and/or long term care. Welsh Government allocated further ICF funding this year to the region making some changes to the criteria as funding can now to be used in relation to children with complex needs, people with learning disabilities and autism as well as older people. It has recently been agreed to allocate some funding to the Deprivation of Liberties Safeguard (DoLS) Team as more individuals in hospital are requiring specialist assessments around capacity and best interest decisions. Details of the team's structure were outlined. A survey has been undertaken to establish views on previous methods of communication and participants will be resurveyed in 12 weeks to see if the new ways of working are better. Anecdotal feedback is very positive to date. Winter planning is well embedded with action plans submitted to Welsh Government which are updated regularly.

The plan has a focus on delivery of improvements in 3 stages of the pathway:

- Discharge planning
- Reduction in delays to transfer
- Front door processes

Members were informed that the Department has involved service users and carers as changes have been implemented and will continue to do so to understand if the new ways of working are better. Collaboration between Social Care and Health is a key aspect of this approach as exemplified by the Joint Hospital Discharge Team, contributing to shared outcomes and integration across a number of Well-being Goals.

The Scrutiny Committee congratulated the Assistant Director and the Members of the Task and Finish Group for the progress achieved.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded subject to the Committee receiving an annual report, the recommendation in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the work undertaken by the Members of the Task and Finish Group and the contents of the report be noted;
- (ii) the Scrutiny Committee to receive an annual report on Hospital Discharge on an annual basis.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Approved as a correct record, subject to any amendments agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2017.

CHAIR