



## HEALTH SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 13TH MAY 2014

**SUBJECT: OPERATION JASMINE**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES**

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Scrutiny Committee of a forthcoming thematic review into six residential care and nursing care homes in Gwent that came to be known as Operation Jasmine.

### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Operation Jasmine is a Gwent Police investigation into abuse, neglect and deaths in care homes in Gwent. Operation Jasmine was launched in October 2005 and has been ongoing since that point. At the latter stages of the investigation Gwent Police were joined by the Health & Safety Executive.
- 2.2 This report outlines the process being followed to review the lessons learned from Operation Jasmine. This will take the form of a thematic review commissioned by Welsh Government.

### 3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The lessons learned to date from Operation Jasmine has been a major factor in the ongoing developments in relation to our work for the Protection Of Vulnerable Adults, contract monitoring, care management reviews and focus on improving the quality of care.

### 4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 As previously stated Operation Jasmine is a Gwent Police investigation into abuse, neglect and deaths in care homes in Gwent. Operation Jasmine was launched in October 2005.
- 4.2 Welsh Government have recently commissioned Dr. Margaret Flynn to undertake a thematic review of the issues surrounding Operation Jasmine. The purpose of the review is, through a report to Welsh Ministers, to;
- Set out the experiences of those people and their families in residential care homes in Gwent that came to be known as Operation Jasmine.
  - Set out the key events.
  - Consider and set out actions that have been undertaken by the various parties involved in the interim.
  - Set out key lessons for the future alongside recommendations regarding policy or legislation, regulation and operational practice, for the various parties involved.

- 4.3 The review will be undertaken through a series of two day events, one event per agency. The two day event for Caerphilly County Borough Council is to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014. This will be followed up by further two day events for the other agencies involved e.g. Gwent Police, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Care & Social Services Inspectorate for Wales and other local authorities.
- 4.4 Dr. Flynn has indicated that she wishes to give an initial response to Welsh Government by the end of June 2013, in order that any lessons can be incorporated in forthcoming legislation. The First Minister has indicated that the final report will be published by the end of 2014 and will be presented to Scrutiny Committee at a future date.
- 4.5 In order to ensure agencies are kept informed of progress Dr. Flynn is publishing monthly newsletters. The March 2014 newsletter is attached as Appendix 1 of this report.

## **5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 An equalities impact assessment hasn't been completed at this time as this report is for information only.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no direct personnel implications arising from this report.

## **8. CONSULTATIONS**

- 8.1 All comments from consultations are reflected in the main body of the report.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1 Members are asked to note the content of this report.

## **10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 This is a major review and its outcome will potentially impact across Wales. This report is intended to give Members an initial awareness that the review is taking place.

## **11. STATUTORY POWER**

- 11.1 Local Government Act 2000.

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Appendices:  
Appendix 1 – Operation Jasmine Review Letter – March 2014