

Social Services JCC Meeting

Monday 20th March 2017 - Sirhowy Room Ty Penallta

Attendees:

Jo Williams, Assistant Director Adult Services
Shaun Watkins, HR Manager
Robert Hartshorn, Head of Public Protection (Chair)
Gareth Jenkins Assistant Director Children's Services
Gary Enright, Branch Secretary, Unison
Kelly Andrews GMB
Neil Funnell Branch Secretary, GMB
Mike Jones Interim Finance Manager

Apologies

David Street, Corporate Director Social Services
Juan Garcia, Assistant Branch Secretary, Unison

Agenda Item No	Issue	Action
1	Welcome & Apologies RH welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies	
2	Minutes of meeting held on 10th October 2016 The minutes of the meeting held on 10 th October 2016 were agreed as a true record.	
3	Matters Arising None	
4	MTFP RH outlined target set, 20% public protection over 4 years from 18/19 onwards, and 5% for Social Services. Proposals to be submitted by 31/05/17 and will include review of original long list of savings proposals. GE asked about any regional proposals or opportunities linked to the city deal. JW and GJ advised nothing on agenda at present, although in Children's Services there are tentative discussions around Fostering taking place	
5	Local Government Reform – White Paper RH advised that a formal response went to Council last week, in addition members were in favour of reducing voting age to 16 and maintaining first past the post system RH to circulate final response.	

	Agreed standing item on agenda titled regionalisation for future JCCs	
6	<p>Mi Home Care</p> <p>JW gave an update on termination of contract by Mi Home Care. 6 months-notice given and 1000 hours to be brokered. Work ongoing with providers to manage this including looking at the option of taking hours in- house, the current split is 25:75, late applications being accepted by HART in respect of a recent external advert to recruit Carers. Legal advice is also being sought regarding TUPE implications</p>	
8	<p>Mental Health Wellbeing and Mindfulness</p> <p>GE fed back regarding a previous event to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Day which was followed up with training events for Trade Unions, HR and H& S colleagues. A proposed joint event 10/10/17 to celebrate annual Mental Health Awareness Day, this year's focus on depression was discussed. Agreed joint approach and standard agenda item, this being raised across all JCC's. GJ proposed involvement with Health and Third Sector to enable signposting to free services. RH proposed submitting a short paper to CMT to gain support. It was agreed agenda item at Corporate JCC meeting in May/June.</p>	
9	<p>Christmas Working Arrangements</p> <p>GE advised of discussion ongoing with L Donovan. It was agreed no issues for 2017, given the days when Christmas holidays will fall. It was agreed that a plan for future years could be considered as the current national agreement covers 5 day working staff. There could be an option for separate agreement for 7 day working staff as long as any deviation from the National agreement does not put staff in a detriment situation</p>	