



## HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN,  
YSTRAD MYNACH ON TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER 2018 AT 5.30 P.M.

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PRESENT:

Councillor L. Binding - Chair  
Councillor J. Bevan - Vice Chair

Councillors:

C. Bezzina, M. Evans, Miss E. Forehead, A. Gair, J. Gale, D.C. Harse, V. James,  
Mrs A. Leonard, B. Owen, S. Skivens and C. Thomas.

Cabinet Member: C. Cuss (Social Care and Wellbeing).

Together with:

D. Street (Corporate Director - Social Services and Housing), C. Evans (Interim Scrutiny  
Officer) and E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer).

Users and Carers – Mrs M. Jones.

Also Present:

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – S. Aiken, C. Birchall, J. Paget, M. Price and  
G. Jones

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors A. Angel, D. Cushing and L.  
Jeremiah and G. Jenkins (Assistant Director, Children's Services) and J. Williams (Assistant  
Director, Adult Services)

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor L. Binding declared a personal interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 8, details are  
minuted with the respective item.

### 3. MINUTES – 23RD OCTOBER 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Social Care and  
Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 23rd October 2018 (minute nos. 1 - 10) 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**

Councillor C. Cuss, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care referred to the statement previously circulated and for the benefit of the Members of the Public present outlined the main areas of interest including the Looked After Children (LAC) Awards held on the 26th and 27th of November at the Maes Manor. In relation to Children's Services, Members were advised that a bespoke residential placement in Newbridge had been secured for a particularly challenging young child. The Cabinet Member thanked Officers and Local Ward Members for their support for the development. Further to this it was noted that a successful bid had been made to the ICF Capital Grant for the purchase of a large house to develop as a residential Children's Home, the progress of this project would be the subject of a future report to scrutiny. Finally the Cabinet Member thanked the representatives from the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) for their presence and emphasised the importance of collaboration between social care and health services for the future and continuing health of Caerphilly residents.

The Chair thanked the Cabinet Member for his statements and Members questions were welcomed.

Clarification was sought with regard to the placement at Newbridge and the Cabinet Member confirmed that two placements were available at the property and dependent on the success of this initial placement, the service could consider future permanent provision.

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

The Interim Scrutiny Officer introduced the report that informed the Committee of its Forward Work Programme planned for the period December 2018 to April 2019.

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

Reference was made to the items listed under date to be confirmed and the report on Welsh Ambulance Services Trust, Members considered the content and nature of the report and it was agreed that this subject needed to look beyond performance data. Ms. Paget (ABUHB) advised that the Health Board would welcome the opportunity to contribute their perspective on the report. Members then discussed the Closure of GP Surgery report also listed under date to be confirmed. It was felt that this subject area also needed to be broadened to include their locations throughout the borough and whether or not needs were being met. Following discussion Members agreed that a joint report should be taken forward with regard to the former item and the latter be expanded to incorporate GP closures, location and performance.

The Corporate Director Social Services and Housing asked Members to consider adding the Non Residential Social Services Charging report to the forward work programme for the 5th February 2019 and this was agreed. The Chair requested that Members receive the report in advance to enable them to consider whether not to call any expert witnesses, the Corporate Director confirmed that this would be arranged.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that subject to the aforementioned amendments and additions the recommendation in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the work programme be approved.

## **7. CABINET REPORTS**

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 – BRIEFING NOTE**

Councillor L. Binding declared a personal interest only as a Service User of Vascular Services which is referenced within the briefing note; as such there was no requirement for him to leave the meeting.

The Chair welcomed representatives from the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Ms J. Paget introduced the briefing note which highlighted a number of key developments and outlined information with regard to current performance across a range of services. Members were advised that the briefing also included updates on other areas of the Health Board's activities including the progress made against their Integrated Medium Term Plan and a series of service developments, many of which have been taken forward in partnership with the Local Authority.

The Health Boards' four objectives in relation to the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 were summarised and the way in which these aligned with the Public Services Board was outlined.

Health Board priorities included early years wrap around support and tobacco control with more work being done on increasing cessation provision as well as the number of smoke free environments. Reference was made to a programme undertaken by Lewis Girls' Comprehensive School, initiating 'smoke free ambassadors' which had been used as a model of good practice.

Ms Paget also referenced the 'Making Every Contact Count (MECC) and Healthy Schools initiatives and the progress made in maintaining and improving the uptake of population immunisation programmes was outlined.

Primary and Community Services continued to be a focus with huge strides being taken in relation to Neighbourhood Care Networks which were going from strength to strength. Members were then referred to page 9 of the briefing paper and the section outlining the current GP Practice provision. The pattern of provision was explained and reference made to the situation at Bryntirion Surgery and thanks were expressed to the Local Ward Members for their input and support.

In terms of the Llanbradach development it was noted that discussions were still on-going with the developer and assurance given that this continued to be on the list of priority schemes. Updates were then provided on Dental, Optometry, Community Pharmacy and District Nursing services. An update was given on the Gwent Regional Partnership Board and bids made to the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) which had secured £13.4M of additional non-recurrent funding over two years from the National Transformation Fund.

With regard to the development of local hospital services data on Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr (YYF) it was noted that this included 196 babies delivered at the hospital, 3,351 operations performed, 119,200 outpatient appointments undertaken and 30,128 attendances at the minor injury unit

of which 96% were treated within 4 hours. Provision at the Rhymney Integrated Health and Social Care Centre is currently being reviewed in order to maximise the full potential of the site.

Members were updated on the progress of specialist and critical care services and it was confirmed that the Grange University Hospital was progressing on time and on budget. Unified breast services continued to be a priority and over the past year significant progress and been made on the transformation of Mental Health and Learning Disability services.

Progress against the Health Boards Integrated Medium Term Plan was tabled at page 27 of the briefing note and areas for improvement were highlighted. From a financial perspective the ABUHA was in a reasonable position with additional funding being made available in order to alleviate the challenge of winter pressures.

In conclusion Ms Paget provided a regional update and referred to progress made on a radiotherapy satellite centre aligned with Velindre NHS Trust at Neville Hall Hospital, Vascular Services and the Medi Park project to be taken forward in partnership with Welsh Government, Torfaen County Council and Life Sciences Hub Wales, Cardiff University and University of South Wales.

The Chair thanked Ms Paget for her presentation and Members questions and comments were welcomed.

Members queried the success of the joint working relationship between Caerphilly County Borough and the ABUHB and were advised that the award of £13.4M from the Transformation Fund clearly illustrated the strength of confidence in the partnership. It was accepted that more work needed to be done in relation to delayed transfers of care and that present systems were not working as well as they should but improvement was achievable. Further to this Members queried if there was sufficient funding to secure this improvement. The Corporate Director confirmed that huge strides had been made in the last 12 months with regard to integrated provision, unfortunately there was not an integrated budget setting process. However the process of integration was at a very promising place due to the hard work of the people present.

Members requested further information with regard to 'Compassionate Communities' and it was agreed that this would be circulated following the meeting. Members also reference difficulties in securing dental provision and it was agreed that a list of NHS Dentists currently accepting patient would also be circulated.

Reference was made to District Nurse vacancies and how this was being managed going forward. It was noted that vacancy management was an issue across the whole of the Health Board not just within this area. Current service provision was outlined and it was noted that this was under review with different models of care being looked at.

Clarification was sought on the integration of Mental Health and Learning Disability services and what improvement had been made as a result. Members were advised that changing service delivery to a person centred approach took time to bed in and much of the evidence at this point in time was anecdotal, however feedback received at this early stage was generally positive.

Members queried why Neville Hall had been chosen for the radio therapy satellite site and it was confirmed that this location was the best fit geographically.

In relation to Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr (YYF), Members queried if it would possible to upgrade the hospital so that an accident and emergency department could be created at the hospital. Members were advised that there was no way of putting accident and emergency services into that site due to the specialist infrastructure that would be required to support such a department. YYF was purposefully built as a minor injury unit and as such does not have the

capability to support the Consultant, theatre and background staffing required to clinically support an accident and emergency unit. It was emphasised that YYF was never envisaged to operate in that capacity and it would not be possible to put them in at this stage. Members were referred to the NHS strategy for Gwent and advised that the new hospital at The Grange would provide centralised accident and emergency services, replacing those at The Royal Gwent and Neville Hall Hospitals, those hospitals would then be redevelopment on the YYF model.

Reference was then made to the proposed report from the Welsh Ambulance Service and Members were advised that ABUHB would be happy to join that meeting and present their perspective on service delivery and working differently.

Members commented on the referral system from YYF to Royal Gwent and the need for better integration and communication. It was accepted that more work was required but lessons learned had been utilised when planning for The Grange. Reference was made to NHS 111 and it was noted that ABUHB would be next to go live with the system which operated on similar parameters at Police 111, signposting people to appropriate provision e.g. minor injury or accident and emergency.

The 'Choose Well' Campaign was discussed and Members agreed that there needed to be better communication on this. Members were advised that the promotion had relied on social media to pass on the message of 'Choose Well', it was agreed that different promotional techniques should be looked at in order to ensure the message was accessible by all.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendation in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 18.50pm

Approved as a correct record, subject to any amendments agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2019.

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CHAIR