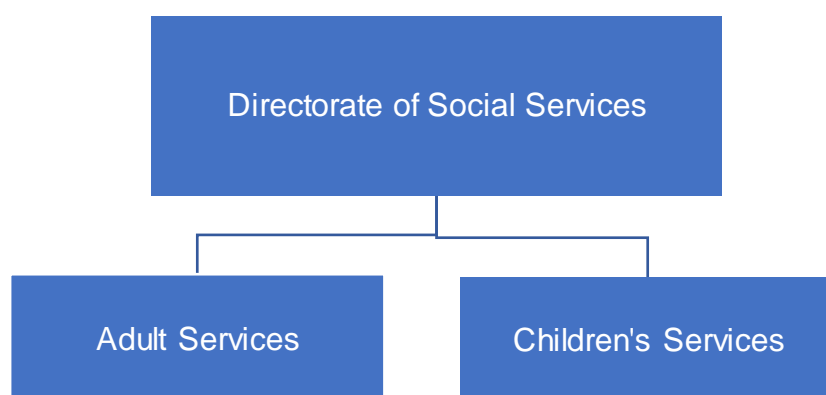


Directorate and Services

1. Diagram of Directorate and Service Framework.



2. Brief description of Directorate and Service Framework

There are 2 key services, these being Adult Services and Children's Services.

Adult Services provide a wide range of specialist services to members of the community over eighteen years of age, who experience difficulties on a day to day basis due to problems ranging from mental health, physical or sensory disability to drug and alcohol misuse.

Children's Services provide a range of services to children, young people, and their families, in partnership with many other agencies and voluntary organisations. The overall aim is to support children and young people to remain living with their own families wherever this is safe to do so.

3. Number of Complaints by Stage Type, Service, and Targets Met

Stage Type	Count	Count Completed in Target Times	Percentage Completed in Target Times
Stage 1	26	25	96%
Stage 2	1	1	100%
Escalated Stage 1 to 2	7	7	100%
Totals	34	33	97%

Of the 26 Stage 1 complaints, 25 were completed within timescale and 1 completed 6 days over timescale. The Reason for the one being 6 days over timescale was due to staff leave and their views were required in order to provide a full response to the complainant.

Table showing how the complaints were received.

By source	Count Stage 1	Count Stage 2	Count Escalated Stage 1 to Stage 2
Telephone	9	0	1
Email	16	1	6
Letter	1	0	0
On-line	0	0	0
Contact Centre	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Totals	26	1	7

Tables showing summary of complaints by service, for each stage type

Service	Count Stage 1	Count Completed in Target Times	Percentage Completed in Target Times
Adult Services	19	18	95%
Children's Services	7	7	100%
Totals	26	25	96%

Service	Count Stage 2	Count Completed in Target Times	Percentage Completed in Target Times
Adult Services	1	1	100%
Children's Services	0	0	0
Totals	1	1	100%

Service	Count Escalated Stage 1 to Stage 2	Count Completed in Target Times	Percentage Completed in Target Times
Adult Services	6	6	100%
Children's Services	1	1	100%
Totals	7	7	100%

4. Key Complaints - Identified by Type or Theme

List of key specific types, or themes, of repetitive, or pertinent complaints received during this reporting period.

Wants one allocated worker to child's case and regular updates as agreed
 Requested package of care for adult and not given support needed
 Adult expected to pay for 2-1 support on holiday
 Self-funding care home fees increased
 No staff member available to cover community session
 Wants day services reinstated as they were pre-pandemic
 Telephone assessment undertaken was not appropriate
 Reconsideration of Disabled Persons Parking Bay
 How late adult's finances have been dealt with and lack of communication
 Carer left Service User after fall
 Adult has passed away and family being pursued for outstanding fees
 Staff attitude/manner
 Concerns not being listened to
 Calls not being returned
 Call times for care package not suitable
 Decision relating to capacity
 Advice given by staff
 Care package reduced
 Correspondence sent direct to service user
 Behaviour of children and young people
 Request for assessment was declined
 Attitude of Care home staff
 Concern for safety of child
 Assessment not typed in timely manner
 Social Services involvement

The type or themes identified above, have been extracted from the following table which shows the incoming number of complaints by specific service sectors or teams during this reporting period.

Service Group or Team	Count Stage 1, Stage 2 & Escalated 1 to 2
Adult Services	26
Children's Services	8
Totals	34

5. Number of Complaints by Category

Table showing complaints by category.

	Category	Count Stage 1, Stage 2 & Escalated 1 to 2
1.	Collaborative Working	1
2.	Decision Making	17
3.	Delay in Service Provision	1
4.	Officer/Contractors Conduct with public (including sensitivity/empathy of staff/politeness)	5
5a.	Following Council Policies	2
5b.	Following relevant Legislation	0
6.	Accessibility of Services	0
7.	Clarity/Accuracy/Timeliness of information	0
8.	Quality of Work	0
9.	Openness/ Fairness and Honesty	0
10.	Compliance with Complaints procedure	1
11.	Combination of Categories (Non-Specific)	7
	Totals	34

6. Number of Complaints by Outcome and Lessons Learned

Service	Upheld	Not Upheld
Adult Services	3	23
Children's Services	2	6
Totals	5	29

List of lessons learned. Comments on key findings resulting from the complaints in this reporting period, that may help curtail, prevent, or impede future repeats.

The lessons learnt below relate to the 5 complaints referred to in table 6 above that were upheld.

Nature of Complaint	Lessons Learnt	Category
Requested a package of care for late father who was terminally and had come to live with complainant from another Local Authority area. Felt that Caerphilly and the	<p>A full apology was provided for the difficulty that the complainant experienced in securing appropriate care from Social Services for late father and for the communication difficulties.</p> <p>As calls are not recorded it was unable to be identified whom the complainant spoke to and</p>	<p>11. Combination of categories</p> <p>(2. Decision Making &</p>

<p>other Local Authority were passing the buck, despite her advising in her second call to Social Services that her father would be a permanently living with her. During this call the staff member was extremely rude which added to a very upsetting situation.</p> <p>A package of care was agreed however Emergency care at home did not have any capacity due to staff shortage and the length of time waiting for support was unacceptable. The Social Worker spoke to District Nurse and then called to advise that father's case would be closed, yet the District Nurse advised this was not what had been discussed and was going to email the Social Worker requesting Care be put in place immediately.</p>	<p>staff have been reminded of professionalism whilst dealing with calls.</p> <p>An apology was given as a misunderstanding occurred. Health had advised they would be providing care under the Fast Track CHC scheme which does not require social care input.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that communication was poor and this is an area that needs to be reviewed, at the time it was Social Services understanding that the Health Board were arranging care for complainant's father.</p>	<p>6. Accessibility of Services</p>
<p>Not informed that there was no staff member available to cover brother's community session. Brother was dressed, waiting and excited but the member of staff did not turn up. This caused frustration and behaviour issues which could have been avoided if they had been informed of the staff sickness before brother had got ready to go out.</p>	<p>Brother was taken off staff rota in error and this was not identified until complainant made contact.</p> <p>Apologies provided to complainant and brother for the upset caused. Sessions were reinstated and any future disruption to brother's support/change to support rota will be communicated in advance in order to try and prevent this situation reoccurring.</p>	<p>3. Delay in Service Provision</p>

<p>Concerned about the behaviour of children and young people at the neighbouring Children's Residential Home. Neighbours have been having problems for six months Items have been thrown at their windows, their windows have been knocked, rubbish thrown over their gardens, abuse shouted towards them and also racist remarks have been made.</p>	<p>Manager only became aware of issues on receipt of complaint and attempted to speak to complainant and provided contact details .An apology was provided and reassurance given to complainant and neighbours that work is being undertaken with the young people to address their behaviors and help them understand the impact their behaviour has upon the neighbours and to engage positively with residents and to prevent such behaviour in the future. Also that racism is taken seriously and the home and professionals are working to help the children understand that these words are unacceptable and how these affect people directly and indirectly.</p>	<p>4. Officer/Contractors Conduct with public (including sensitivity/empathy of staff/politeness)</p>
<p>Concerned about the behaviour of children and young people at the neighbouring Children's Residential Home. Neighbours have been having problems for six months. Items have been thrown at their windows, into their garden, children climbing on to the home's garden shed and is concerned for children's health and safety as they could fall. Neighbours unable to sit in garden for fear of items being thrown over. Police have been called. Feels home is poorly managed and staff are not strong enough for the type of home it is.</p>	<p>Manager only became aware of issues on receipt of complaint. Manager spoke to complainant regarding strategies in respect of speaking to the children. An apology was provided and reassurance given that work is being undertaken with the young people to support them to understand how their behaviours impact on others, to fit into the community, engage positively with residents and prevent such behaviour in the future. Also the possibility of moving the shed was discussed.</p>	<p>4. Officer/Contractors Conduct with public (including sensitivity/empathy of staff/politeness)</p>
<p>Unhappy with the response from private care home, following concerns raised directly with them. Mother has been</p>	<p>The home investigated the complaint thoroughly and provided feedback to the complainant on the actions taken.</p> <p>Despite attempts to resolve the conflicts and failure to restore the relationship between complainant and home it was felt, due to the</p>	<p>11. Combination of categories (2. Decision Making</p>

<p>asked to leave care home which has upset her and complainant believes that mother has been discriminated against. Unhappy with the attitude of the management team and their company values and want to see the residents treated with respect, and not the rudeness and abruptness that she has experienced. Also have not received any written acknowledgement or response from the concerns previously raised with them, and feels they are covering up their poor practice.</p>	<p>negative impact it was having on the staff team and the disruption to mother's care, it was a necessary decision to issue a 'notice of termination' of her mother's contract. It was felt a move for complainant's mother to the new setting would be in her best interest and was by no means to discriminate her but was done to protect and promote her wellbeing.</p> <p>The Management Team provided an apology to the complainant for not providing a written response to the complainant and also identified some training issues within their staff team which have been addressed and continue to be monitored.</p> <p>It was also reiterated to complainant that CCBC monitoring officers will continue to monitor the home along with Health Inspectorate Wales.</p>	<p>& 4. Officer/Contractors Conduct with public (including sensitivity/empathy of staff/politeness)</p>
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The Directorate is committed to learning from complaints received in order to influence positive change. Information from complaints is an invaluable source of user feedback. The Directorate makes the best use of this information about complaints and uses the results to inform policy and ensure that practice is changed in response to highlighted areas of concern, this is done in discussion with Senior Management to agree an action plan to address the issues.

7. Identified relationships to Equalities or Welsh Language

Table showing a count and list of findings resulting from the complaints in this reporting period, that specifically relate to the Equalities or Welsh Language protected characteristics.

Characteristic Strand	Count Stage 1, Stage 2 & Escalated 1 to 2
Age	0
Disability	0
Gender Reassignment	0
Marriage and Civil Partnership	0
Pregnancy and Maternity	0
Race	0
Religion/Belief or Non-belief	0
Sex	0
Sexual Orientation	0
Welsh Language	0
Totals	0

8. Annex – Referrals to Ombudsman, complaints resulting from appeals and examples of relevant items (points to note) specific to this reporting period

Identify how many referrals to the Ombudsman and list and append any relevant supplementary information here, namely, points to note, or an example data set.

3 referrals were made to the Ombudsman relating to Corporate/Social Services complaints. Of the 3 Corporate/Social Services complaints in the table below the decision was made not to investigate matters in 2 of the cases and early resolution was agreed for the other case.

Reference	Outcome	Details of Early Resolution/recommendations
OMB04	Not Investigating	No Further Action
OMB05	Early Resolution	<p>Within 3 weeks of the Ombudsman’s decision</p> <p>a) Write to complainant with an apology for the failure to consider complaint under the Social Services Complaints Procedure.</p> <p>b) To commence a Stage 2 investigation under the Social Services Complaints Procedure.</p> <p>c) Pay complainant £75 for time and trouble in raising complaint with the Ombudsman.</p> <p>The above recommendations were agreed and completed.</p>
OMB06	Not Investigating	No Further Action