



People Scrutiny Committee

16th December 2015

Scrutiny of the Mid Wales Health Care Collaborative

Purpose of Report: Progress report

The Mid Wales Health Care Collaborative was launched in April 2015 as a result of the findings of the Mid Wales Health Care Study a report commissioned by Welsh Government and undertaken by Prof Marcus Longley.

The first recommendation of this report stated that a joint mechanism 'the Mid Wales Healthcare Collaborative' should be established in order to implement many of the other recommendations made in the report:

- The joint committee should consist of the three Health boards, including the Chair and Chief Executive of each, and an independent Chair for the Committee appointed by the Minister
- The Mid Wales Healthcare Collaborative should be accountable to the three Health Boards and also to Welsh Government and to the scrutiny mechanisms for local government
- It should shape the Mid Wales commissioning intentions of the three Health Boards by implementing the recommendations of the study and be held accountable for its work by the Minister for Health and Social Services or the Deputy Minister for Health

The Chair of People Committee together with the Lead Member of Children's Scrutiny Group have been attending meetings of the Board of the Mid Wales Health Care Collaborative in an observer role.

The Collaborative have made enquiries regarding the way that scrutiny of the work of the Collaborative will be conducted. Scrutiny officers met after the September meeting of the Collaborative and a joint meeting of Scrutiny Members and Officers from Ceredigion County Council, Gwynedd County Council and Powys County Council was arranged to follow the November meeting of the Collaborative.

This meeting agreed that the best approach initially would be to undertake scrutiny informally by way of a joint working group rather than by way of a formal joint committee. If it became apparent that there were problems with this approach then it would be necessary to reconsider.

It is intended to commence this piece of work by looking at the governance arrangements for the Collaborative and it is hoped that this can take place in February 2015.

The meeting also agreed that there should be three scrutiny representatives from each authority to take part in this joint work and a third member is sought to join this work.

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