

Health and Care Scrutiny Committee

5 April 2019

Social Care Working Group

Purpose of Report: Summary

The Group held its first meeting on 27 March 2019 and appointed County Councillor Ange Williams as Lead Member.

A briefing was provided on a Dynamic Purchasing System for domiciliary care which is currently being piloted. Increasing demand for domiciliary care alongside a diminishing workforce has led to consideration of different methods of delivering the service. The previous Adult Social Care Working Group had considered proposals prior to a pilot project being launched in the Ystradgynlais area. The project was working well and a final appraisal would be considered by the Group in due course.

The Group were also provided with a briefing on Delayed Transfers of Care (DEToCs). The aim of the service was to move to prevention from crisis intervention to minimize the need for hospital admissions and ultimately pressures on the domiciliary care service. Partnership working with the Health Authority would be key.

A Children's Charter has been developed and is being considered by both the Authority and Powys Health Board. The Charter has been developed in conjunction with representatives of youth groups. Its aim is to ensure that young people, up to the age of 25, have a voice in processes to develop, review or deliver services which affect them. The Group welcomed the Charter and appreciated that it had been prepared in a way which would be easily understood and accessible.

A work programme for the remainder of the year has also been developed. It is anticipated that the Group will meet approximately every six weeks. Topics which will be considered include:

- Children's Looked After Framework
- Care Leavers
- Complaints – Adults and Childrens
- Safeguarding and Good Social Work Practice
- Independent Reviewing and Quality Assurance

Consideration of the above will provide monitoring of the implementation of the Children's Services Improvement Plan. Further items will be added to ensure the Adult's Services Improvement Plan is also monitored.

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Background papers: Notes of meeting held on 27 March 2019

Group Membership: County Councillors A Williams (Lead Member), B Baynham, J Charlton, E Vaughan, G Williams, J M Williams