

Health and Care Scrutiny Committee

26 September 2019

Scrutiny briefing on:

- **Questions to be put to the Chief Executive of the Powys teaching Health Board**

The Adult Services Working Group recommended to the Health and Care Committee that the Chief Executive of the Health Board be invited to a meeting to discuss the following:

- Community Hospitals – how can community hospitals be used more effectively as a step-down facility. How can the Council and Health Board work together to achieve this?
- The Committee note the role of community hospitals in the DToCS process – what other roles could community hospitals fulfil
- How far has the Health Authority accepted early intervention as a principle and how is this being recognised in practice

Further discussion with the Corporate Directors of Transformation and Children's and Adults and the Chair, the questions to be put have been refined:

- Can you explain to us the purpose of community hospitals, what the capacity is in Powys and how this compares to the per head of the population with other Health Boards?
- How can community hospitals be used more effectively as a step up/down facility?
- How can the Council and Health Board work together to achieve this?
- How far has Powys Teaching Health Board embraced early intervention as a principle and how is this being recognised in practice?
- What progress has been made to resolve any historical disputed debts between the Council and the Health Board?
- How is the Health Board working with the Council to support early (but appropriate) discharge from hospital?

- What governance arrangements are in place to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the Continuing Healthcare assessment process to minimise delay for patients?
- What is considered an appropriate occupancy rate for community hospitals.
- What have the occupancy rates been for the community hospitals in Powys and Glan Irfon over the last 12 months.
- If, as is understood, these rates are less than that considered appropriate what are the barriers preventing the appropriate occupancy of these facilities?