

**Health and Care Scrutiny Committee**

**18 October 2019**

**Adult Services Working Group**

**Purpose of Report:** Summary

The Group met on 5 September 2019 to undertake scrutiny of service redesign and delivery and the Occupational Therapy Service.

Members were briefed on a pilot project that had been run in the north of the County to provide an Assist Response Team. The pilot ran for approximately five weeks earlier in the year and significant impact was noted. It is proposed that this service be rolled out to three locations in the County. The aim is to assist clients at the earliest opportunity to enable demand to be managed safely and effectively and allow clients to continue to live as independently as possible.

The Assist Response Team is a multi-disciplinary team comprising a range of professionals. The Team deals with clients at the first point of contact and managed to significantly reduce the number of clients referred through to long term teams. Assessment times were also reduced.

Staff involved responded positively. The roll out will continue with the support of the Change and Improvement Team. At a future date, the Group intends to visit the Team in the north once it is established.

The Group also considered a report which had been prepared for the Improvement and Assurance Board regarding Occupational Therapy. Members were briefed on the role of the service and were provided with statistics relating to work in Powys.

It has been agreed that the Group visit a technology enabled flat prior to their next meeting to improve their understanding of what is available to improve and maintain a resident's independence within the community.

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**Background papers: Notes of meeting held on 5 September 2019**

**Group Members present on 5 September 2019: County Councillors H Hulme (Lead Member), K Roberts-Jones and G Williams,**