



Health and Care Scrutiny Committee

29 November 2019

Adult Services Working Group

Purpose of Report: Summary

The Group has met twice in the period since the last Committee.

Members received a presentation on the Strengths Based Approach and the journey the service is taking. The intention is to have conversations with clients rather than question them to ascertain the outcome the client wishes to achieve. The process is in line with the National Outcomes Framework.

The Group also received an update on the Dynamic Purchasing Scheme which had been piloted in one area. It was hoped that the use of DPS would encourage micro enterprises to develop which would support the fragile domiciliary care market. The issue has been scrutinized previously and the Group supported the further roll out of the scheme. It had been noted that there had been an increase in costs but this had to be considered in line with the size of the pilot project and against a market where some providers had ceased to trade. As the scheme develops, larger blocks of care can be provided which will increase cost effectiveness.

At their most recent meeting, the Group met at the technology enabled flat in Llandrindod Wells and were given a thorough briefing on the equipment available and how this could assist residents to remain independent for longer. The Group were pleased to note that Powys was at the forefront in developing a TEC and assistive technology service.

Work is currently underway to extend the work programme throughout 2020 for both the Working Group and Committee to enable the Scrutiny Committee work with officers to consider 'task and finish groups' on specialist areas which fit with full scrutiny work programme. This will help officers and members scrutinise aspects of the Authority's Vision 2025.

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Background papers: Notes of meeting held on 15 October 2019

Group Members: County Councillors J Charlton (Lead Member), E Jones, G Morgan, K Roberts-Jones, A Williams and G Williams,