

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SAFEGUARDING, COMMUNITIES AND
WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE/CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL ON
WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2019**

MEMBERS

*Councillor Derek Wright, Chair
Councillor Beverley Parry-Jones, Vice-Chair

Councillor	* Trevor Bates	Councillor	John McCusker
"	* I David Bithell, MBE	"	John Pritchard
"	Brian Cameron	"	* Rondo Roberts
"	* Krista Childs	"	Robert Walsh
"	Russell Gilmartin	"	* Nigel Williams
"	Gwenfair Jones		

*Absent

Also Present – Councillor Joan Lowe

6 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Trevor Bates, I. David Bithell MBE, Krista Childs, Rondo Roberts, Nigel Williams, Derek Wright.

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair presided.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

AGREED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2019 be signed as correct record.

8 WORK PROGRAMME

The Scrutiny Facilitator informed the Committee that there had not been any changes to Work Programme since the last meeting. She reminded those present of the All Member Workshop on Tuesday, 15 October in relation to the review of Day and Work Opportunities.

The Scrutiny Facilitator drew the committee members attention to point 4.6 of the report and requested members contact her if they wished to visit either Erlas Garden Project or Cunliffe Enablement Centre prior to the November meeting.'

AGREED – That the Work Programme be agreed.

MENTAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

The Lead Member for People - Health and Adult Social Care submitted a report COSC/15 19s to provide a progress update on the 'Healthier Wales – North Wales Together for Mental Health' transformation programme.

Members were reminded that when the Committee reviewed its work programme in July it was agreed that the Committee would focus its meetings with the Health Board on areas being jointly delivered by the Health Service and Local Authority. Two of the four Health and Social Care Regional Transformation Projects would be considered at today's meeting, the Mental Health and the Learning Disability Transformation Programmes. The other two projects would be considered in April 2020.

The Head of Service Initial Response and Mental Health introduced Lesley Singleton, (BCUHB) who gave a short presentation to the committee outlining the principles behind the strategy, an explanation of how the service was being redesigned, the development of a whole system approach to building community resilience, an indication of the project timescales and key milestones and an example of how the project was being monitored.

The committee agreed to focus its questions on the following areas:

- Understanding the overall project aims
- Risk and Sustainability
- Consultation with service users
- Project Governance

During the discussion that ensued, Members raised the following points:

- Welcomed the preventative approach and the introduction of places for people to have the opportunities to talk
- Concerns about the length of time it may take to get into the Mental Health Care System
- Statistics for suicides in Wrexham and North Wales and concerns about the stigma attached to mental health illness
- Service user involvement and the work that had been undertaken with the I CAN Centre
- Noted that there was no further funding for the project
- Not all funding had been spent as there was a need to ensure that the model being put in place was sustainable
- The project was being governed by a Transforming Mental Health Partnership Board
- The need to evaluate the impact and success of the project and confirmation that independent project evaluation was being commissioned to develop key performance indicators and provide an account of the social return on investment.

The Programme Sponsor agreed to provide the committee with details following the meeting – to include:

- The biannual report containing suicide statistics
- Project spend to date
- Confirmation of timescales for the project evaluation

Members were invited to visit the I CAN Centre to meet some of the volunteers at the Centre.

AGREED -

(i) The committee thanks officers for the report which shows encouraging developments in the area of mental health.

(ii) The committee would welcome an update on the implementation of the project in October 2020, to include information about the measures of success and the evaluation against these measures, and information regarding what will happen at the end of the project and its funding.

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LEARNING DISABILITY TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

The Lead Member for People – Health and Adult Social Care submitted a report (CSCO/16/19s) to provide an overview of the work of the “North Wales Together; Seamless Services for people with Learning Disabilities” programme which is being funded by Welsh Government (WG) via the Regional Partnership Board (RPB) and hosted by Flintshire County Council. Neil Ayling and Lesley Singleton are project sponsors.

The Head of Service - Disability Services introduced the Learning Disability Transformation Programme Report. Member were informed that the project was one of four complementary bids made by the Regional Partnership Board against monies made available by Welsh Government to fund transformations in services. The RPB had been successful in this bid and was awarded £1.690m in December 2018. The project commenced in March 2019 and was formally launched in June 2019. The project ends December 2020.

A small project Team had been appointed for across North Wales. The Regional Partnership Board Officer was appointed as the Transformation Lead.

It was reported that some of the work of the learning disability transformation project would be carried out with close links to the other three transformation projects, (Community Services, Children and young people and Mental Health together) as they have a number of interdependencies. The transformation projects provided an opportunity to ensure each has an offer for, and relevance to, people with learning disabilities and their carers.

It was confirmed that five work streams had been identified within the Learning Disability Strategy as areas of focus and a Planning and Development Officer from the transformation project team had been linked to each. The five work streams

included:

- Integrated Systems
- Technology
- Workforce Development
- Community and Culture Change
- Commissioning and Procurement

Members noted that the project was coproduced with citizens, carers, the 6 Local Authority areas, the BCUHB, third sector organisations, etc. The Institute of Public Care (IPC) at Oxford Brooks University have been awarded the contract for evaluation of the programme.

It was highlighted that the following themes had emerged in relation to the strategy work streams:

- Having the right support
- Accommodation
- Something meaningful to do
- Direct Payments
- Being Healthy
- Friendships and relationships
- Being safe
- Children's services
- Carers

In discussing some of those themes the Officer drew Members attention to the very successful support and services that were currently provided to service users, referring particularly to the good relationships in place with Landlords.

In addition the Officer informed the Committee about the positive benefits arising from new technology which would support the work undertaken in respect of the Day and Work Opportunities Review.

The Vice Chair thanked everyone for their contribution to the Committee Meeting.

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Vice - Chair