

**SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (FORMERLY SUBJECT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2) - WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY 2025**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (FORMERLY SUBJECT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2) HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY 2025 AT 10:00**

**Present**

Councillor F D Bletsoe – Chairperson

C Davies

GH Haines

D M Hughes

**Present Virtually**

S Aspey  
M Lewis

S J Bletsoe  
R Williams

S Easterbrook

P Ford

**Apologies for Absence**

RM James, P W Jenkins, W J Kendall and J Llewellyn-Hopkins

**Invitees**

Councillor Jane Gebbie

Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member Social Services, Health and Wellbeing

Claire Marchant  
Kelvin Barlow  
Michelle King  
Jason Howells

Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing  
Head of Adult Social Care  
Group Manager – Integrated Community Services – Community Resource Team  
Group Manager – Integrated Community Services – Community Networks

Matt Jenkins  
Julie Denley

Regional Integrated Services Director for Cwm Taf Morgannwg  
Director, Primary Care, Community & Mental Health – Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

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Officers:

Meryl Lawrence  
Jessica McLellan

Senior Democratic Services Officer – Scrutiny  
Scrutiny Officer

Declarations of Interest

None.

**36. Approval of Minutes**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>  That the minutes of the meeting of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 dated 1 May 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	9 July 2025

**37. Regional Partnership Agreement**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>  Following detailed consideration and discussions with a Cabinet Member, Officers and Invitees, the Committee made the following recommendations and requests for additional information:  <b>Recommendations:</b>  1. The Committee reiterated their recommendation made on 1 May 2025, expressing concern at the number of acronyms being used within reports causing a barrier to full understanding of reports and terms included. and <b>recommended</b> that future reports contain a glossary of abbreviations to assist the Committee and the public. In addition, the Committee <b>recommended</b> that reports should
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	<p>be written in plain English avoiding unnecessarily complex language.</p> <p>2. The Committee expressed concern regarding the number of levels of governance set out in Figure 2 of the Agreement highlighting how it would involve multiple meetings of the same people and <b>recommended</b> that consideration be given to reducing the levels and, in particular, the removal of the Integrated Leadership Board.</p> <p>However, given that the service user voice could be lost if the Integrated Leadership Board level of governance was removed, the Committee <b>recommended</b> that this be picked up in another level of governance.</p> <p>3. The Committee expressed concern that despite reliance on other stakeholders, there appeared to be little reference to third sector and voluntary organisations in the Agreement and were advised of the possible challenges of obtaining funding without reference being made to them. The Committee therefore <b>recommended</b> that third sector and voluntary organisations be fully described in the Agreement.</p> <p>4. The Committee expressed concern that 'Outcomes' had been replaced with 'Output' in the <i>Outcomes and Performance and Measurement Framework</i> (Appendix 1) and <b>recommended</b> that this be addressed to provide clearer understanding.</p> <p>5. The Committee acknowledged the innovative and transformational work taking place in the Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate and that the Community Resource Team's delivery model was being replicated as best practice across the other local authorities within the region and <b>recommended</b> that correspondence be sent to the Corporate Director recognising the work and thanking her and her team.</p> <p><b>Additional Information Requested:</b></p> <p>6. The Committee <b>requested</b> that information regarding the Members information day being arranged by the Regional Partnership highlighting the regional working arrangements be shared with Members once arranged.</p> <p>7. Members <b>requested</b> that the PowerPoint slides and the video shared with the Committee during the meeting be shared with Members.</p>
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	<p>8. The Committee <b>requested</b> the case studies demonstrating hospital avoidance in cases of complex needs and safeguarding concerns referred to by the Group Manager – Integrated Community Services – Community Networks.</p> <p>9. The Committee <b>requested</b> detail of the membership of the Integrated Leadership Board.</p>
Date Decision Made	9 July 2025

**38. Corporate Parenting Champion Nomination Report**

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>That Councillor Della Hughes be nominated to represent the Social Services, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee as an Invitee to meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.</p>
Date Decision Made	9 July 2025

**39. Forward Work Programme Update**

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>The Committee approved the draft Forward Work Programme (FWP) in Appendix A subject to the inclusion of the recommendations below, noted the Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet in Appendix B and noted that the FWP would be reported to the next meeting of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information together with those from the other Overview and Scrutiny Committees, following their consideration in this cycle of Committee meetings.</p> <p>1. The Committee <b>requested</b> that the Regional Partnership Agreement be added to their FWP for review after 12 months.</p>
Date Decision Made	9 July 2025

**40. Urgent Items**

Decision Made	None.
Date Decision Made	9 July 2025

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#)

The meeting closed at 12:40.