

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REPORT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

10 JUNE 2014

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE –
LEGAL & REGULATORY SERVICES**

**UPDATE ON “ANNUAL LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD REPORT
AND UPDATE ON SERIOUS CASE REVIEWS” REPORT PRESENTED IN
FEBRUARY 2013.**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To summarise the findings of research commissioned by the Youth Offending Service (YOS) in response to a series of serious incidents throughout 2012.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities.

- 2.1 The key improvement objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2013-2017 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The amended Corporate Improvement Objectives adopted by Council on 3 April 2013 formally set out the improvement objectives that the Council will seek to implement between 2013 and 2017. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees engage in review and development of plans, policy or strategies that support the Corporate Themes.

3. Background.

- 3.1 At its meeting on the 11 February 2013, the Committee received the Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Children Board, which also incorporated an update on Serious Case Reviews.
- 3.2 During the meeting, the Committee was advised of the intention to commission research into the factors and patterns relating to serious incidents involving young people known to the Youth Offending Service. The Committee asked to be informed of the outcomes of the research in due course.

4. Current Situation / proposal.

- 4.1 The officers' report is attached at Appendix A. It sets out the key findings of the research as well as the actions undertaken as a result of the findings.
- 4.2 When considering the report, the Committee may wish to bear the following points in mind:

- i. *How were the key risk areas chosen by the researcher identified? (para 3.3 Apx A)*
- ii. *Is the Committee satisfied that the key findings set out in paragraph 3.4 are addressed by the actions set out in paragraph 4.1?*
- iii. *To what extent has the decision to reduce the number of CAHMS nurses available to the Youth Offending Service affected the service's ability to improve its practice?*

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 The work of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental well being in the County Borough of Bridgend.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 The equality implications are outlined in the officer's report attached as Appendix A.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 The financial implications are outlined in the officer's report attached as Appendix A.

8. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- i. Consider and discuss the information within the attached report;
- ii. Explore issues consistent with its challenge and support role;
- iii. determine whether it wishes to make any comments or recommendations relating to these reports.

Andrew Jolley,
Assistant Chief Executive – Legal & Regulatory Services
2014

Contact Officer: Rachel Harries
Scrutiny Officer

Telephone: 01656 643696
Email: scrutiny@bridgend.gov.uk

Postal Address: Democratic Services - Scrutiny
Bridgend County Borough Council,
Civic Offices,
Angel Street,
Bridgend,
CF31 4WB

Background Documents:

None