

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO CABINET

19 DECEMBER 2017

### REPORT OF THE INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT

#### HEALTHCARE NEEDS POLICY

##### 1. Purpose of report

1.1 To seek Cabinet's approval of the Healthcare Needs Policy.

##### 2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan/other corporate priorities

2.1 The report relates to the following priority in the Corporate Plan (2017-2020):

- Helping people to be more self-reliant.

##### 3. Background

3.1 The 'Supporting Learners with Healthcare Needs' guidance was published on 30 March 2017. The guidance emphasises the need for a collaborative approach from education and health professionals, placing the learner at the centre of decision making. It provides advice on ensuring learners have full access to education, including trips and physical education.

3.2 The statutory guidance is available at:

<http://learning.gov.wales/resources/browse-all/supporting-learners-with-healthcare-needs/?lang=en>

3.3 It requires all maintained nursery, primary, secondary and special schools, pupil referral units (PRUs) and local authorities (LAs) in Wales to implement a healthcare needs policy.

3.4 The document replaces an earlier version of this guidance Access to Education and Support for Children and Young People with Medical Needs Welsh Assembly Government Circular No: 003/2010 (2010).

##### 4. Current situation/proposal

4.1 The Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language has written to schools via the Dysg e-newsletter to inform them of the guidance.

4.2 The Education and Family Support Directorate anticipates that all schools will have a healthcare needs policy in place by the end of summer term 2018.

##### 5. Effect upon Policy Framework and procedure rules

5.1 There is no effect on the Policy Framework and procedure rules.

## **6. Equality Impact Assessment**

6.1 There are no equality impact issues arising from this report.

## **7. Financial implications**

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **8. Recommendation**

8.1 Cabinet is recommended:

- to approve the Healthcare Needs Policy (Appendix A).

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