

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO CORPORATE PARENTING CABINET COMMITTEE

6 OCTOBER 2014

### REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – CHILDREN

#### HEALTH PROVISION FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN (ABMU)

#### **1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 At a previous Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee, Members requested that ABMU provide Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee with information in relation to the role of ABMU's Looked After Children's Health Team and the impact this is having on promoting the Health outcomes of all Looked After Children and Young People in Bridgend.

#### **2 Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities**

- 2.1 This report links to the following Community strategy priorities:
- Working together to raise ambitions and drive up educational achievement.
  - Working with children and families to tackle problems early.
  - Working together to help vulnerable people to stay independent.
- Working together to tackle health issues and encourage healthy lifestyles.

#### **3 Background**

- 3.1 ABMU's Looked After Children's Health team works alongside partner agencies to improve the health and social outcomes of all Looked After Children (LAC). The attached report found at Appendix 1 describes the Health services provided by ABMU to LAC and gives a number of case examples that demonstrate the positive impact of health staff working in close partnership with social care to promote the health needs and good outcomes for LAC.

#### **4 Current situation/proposal**

- 4.1 The attached report cites that LAC are more likely to have experienced inequalities in health compared to their non LAC peers and will often present with delayed development, poor health, poor nutrition, poor hygiene and complex emotional difficulties. They are also more prone to diseases. Often this is as a result of poor health surveillance. The attached report, therefore describes the work of the LAC Health Team who treat the health needs of LAC as a top priority. The report describes the services that ABMU provide for LAC and details how health staff work alongside foster carers and other care staff to improve the health needs of LAC and to ensure that the health needs of LAC are always considered as paramount

## **5 Effect upon Policy Frameworks and Procedure Rules**

5.1 This has been considered but as there are no new or changed services policy / functions in this report, it is therefore not applicable at this time.

## **6 Equality Impact Assessment**

6.1 This has been considered but as the report is for information and discussion purposes, an assessment is not deemed necessary at this stage.

## **7 Financial Implications**

7.1 None.

## **8 Recommendations**

8.1 That Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee note the content of the attached report and provide its observations and feedback to appropriate senior staff within ABMU Health Board.

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Background papers

Appendix 1. – Looked After Children – ABMU HB Report.