

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE

11TH JULY 2018

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING

APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

1. Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with the revised statements of purpose for the current residential services provision in Bridgend County Borough Council. It is a requirement under the Council's constitution that these are presented to the Corporate Parenting Committee.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate priority/priorities:-

1. Helping people to be more self-reliant – taking early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services.
2. Smarter use of resources – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

3. Background

3.1 Bridgend County Borough Council currently has four children's residential homes delivering services to children and young people aged 0-19 years:

- Newbridge House provides a service to young people aged 15-17 years who require an intensively managed transition into independent living for a short to medium term period of up to twelve months.
- Sunny Bank provides a short to medium term service for up to twelve months to children/young people aged 8-15 years who display complex needs and require intensive work to stabilise their behaviour to allow them to move on to a permanent/long term placement.
- Bakers Way provides a short break service to disabled children/young people aged 0-18 years.
- Harwood House provides a medium to long term high quality 52 week residential service for up to three children/young people aged 8 – 18 years with complex needs, including a learning disability. However continuing provision will be considered for young people aged up to 19 years who continue in educational placements.

4. Current situation/proposal

4.1 The introduction of The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (RISCA) came into force on the 2nd of April 2018. The purpose of the Act is to build on the success of regulation in Wales and reflects the changing world of social care. It places service quality and improvement at the heart of the regulatory regime and

strengthens protection for those who need it. Regulation will move beyond compliance with minimum standards, and focus more on the quality of services and the impact which they have on people receiving them.

4.2 Each Local Authority will be issued a certificate of registration as opposed to individual services being registered. This means that all of Statements of Purpose are presented in a more uniform way.

4.4 Each in-house service provision has its own statement of purpose included in the attached Appendices as per below:

Appendix 1 – Newbridge House

Appendix 2 – Sunnybank

Appendix 3 – Bakers Way

Appendix 4 – Harwood House

4.5 The changes to the statements are described below:

- Newbridge House: there are no changes to the statement of purpose
- Sunnybank: the change to the statement of purpose is:
 - The change to the service offering medium to long term placements for children and young people aged 8-17 years (in line with the remodeling of our residential provision).
- Bakers Way; changes to the Statement of purpose are:
 - Service operating hours following restructure
 - Staffing structure
- Harwood House: there are no changes to the statement of purpose since the service was registered.

4.6 A new statement of purpose will be produced in September 2018 for the remodelled residential service provision in Newbridge House as this will become the emergency and assessment hub in October 2018.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

5.1 There is no impact on the policy framework and procedure rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no equality impacts arising from this report.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

7.1 The implementation of the duties and responsibilities under the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) (SSWBA) 2014, in turn, supports the promotion of two of the seven goals of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 within the County Borough of Bridgend. By promoting an environment that maximises people's physical and mental well-being and by supporting children, young people, adults and their carers and families to fulfil their potential no matter what their circumstances, the wellbeing goals of a Healthier and more equal Bridgend and Wales are supported.

7.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with five ways of working to guide how the Authority should work to deliver wellbeing outcomes for people. The following is a summary to show how the five ways of working to achieve the well-being goals have been considered in this report:

- Long term : The residential provision has been assessed to meet the needs of the current and future looked after children population with parts of the service being remodelled later this year.
- Prevention : The new 52 week unit (Harwood House) enables children with complex needs to remain living in the county whilst Bakers Way provides respite to support disabled children and young people to remain living within their families. The statements of purpose will support the other residential provisions to run effectively meeting the needs of Looked After Children BCBC.
- Integration : Children and young people have homes in the county borough facilitating familial contact and education provision being provided locally, supporting and maintaining their community and ethnic links.
- Collaboration : All of the units have strong links to health, education, police and other local community services to meet the holistic needs of children and young people placed. The units work in close collaboration with other departments within the Local Authority as well to meet service user needs.
- Involvement : Each of the residential units have independent rota visits undertaken, are inspected by Care Inspectorate Wales and review feedback from children and young people and their families through meeting or evaluation forms.

8. Financial implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9. Recommendation

9.1 Members to note the content of the report and approve the statement of purpose for each of the residential services provision.

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11 Background documents:
None