

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE

4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

### 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 to approve.

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

2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate 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:

- Maple tree House provides a service for children and young people aged 8-17 years who require a period of assessment to establish a long term placement plan. The assessment period is 6 months. Maple tree house also has two emergency beds which provide accommodation for up to 28 days.
- Sunny Bank provides a medium term to long term service for children and young people aged 8-15 years who display complex needs and have been assessed as requiring a residential placement.
- Bakers Way provides a short break service to disabled children and young people young people aged 0-18 years.
- Harwood House provides a medium to long term 52 week residential service for up to three children and 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 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2018. The purpose of the Act was to build on the success of regulation in Wales and reflected 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 is now issued with 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. A guide to compiling a statement of purpose was provided under the above act by Care Inspectorate Wales (April 2019).  
**Appendix 5**

4.3 In the Autumn of 2018 all of our services were registered to meet the requirements of the new legislation. Each in-house service provision has its own statement of purpose which is attached as an Appendix as follows:

**Appendix 1** – Maple Tree house

**Appendix 2** – Sunny Bank

**Appendix 3** – Bakers Way

**Appendix 4** – Harwood House

4.4 The statements of purpose have now been subjected to their first full review and the changes to the statements are described below:

- A new template has been developed for the Statement of Purpose (SoP) for Maple Tree House, Sunny Bank, Bakers Way and Harwood House, which incorporates Bridgend CBC branding and, whilst containing the same themes as the previous template, the removal of the tabular formatting is designed to be easier to read. Photographs have been added to the SoP's to provide some visual representation of each setting. Some of the standardised wording in each SoP around language and communication; training; supervision; and governance and quality assurance has been updated to ensure currency.
- Maple Tree House: An extension to the length of stay in the emergency unit from up to 72 hours to up to 28 days (in line with interim revision carried out in February 2019).

#### **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.
- 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. Maple tree house provides accommodation which enables children with complex needs to remain in the community. The multi-disciplinary team facilitates the return of children who are currently placed outside of county. The wrap around support services assists in the prevention of long term residential care episodes, short term intervention to enable child to return home, placement with family or foster care.
- 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:**

- CIW – Guide to compiling a statement of purpose. **Appendix 5.**