Extraordinary Meeting of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2

6 December 2023

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Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report 2022/23

Following detailed consideration and discussions with Officers and Cabinet Members, the Committee made the following Recommendations:

1. That future presentations of this report also contain data from previous years to allow Members to draw comparisons.

Complete and reflected in final annual report that was approved by Cabinet.

Additional Information

Following detailed consideration and discussions with Officers and Cabinet Members, the Committee requested:

2. The number and percentage of staff who attended the recent 2-day Signs of Safety training and the number and percentage of staff who have subscribed to the next cohort of 5-day training in January 2024.

To date, as of May 2024:

178 of 205 eligible staff (87%) have attended the 2-day training; and, 107 out of 202 eligible staff (53%) have attended the 5-day training.

A further 30 staff are due to attend a 5-day course in June 2024.

(NB: 25 staff members attended the 2-day training in November and 30 were due to attend the 5-day course in January. Unfortunately, the January course was cancelled due to heating issues at the venue).

Learning Disability Transformation Programme

Following detailed consideration and discussions with Officers and Cabinet Members, the Committee requested:

3. Members expressed concern that the £3.61m level of overspend is not sustainable and requested that the proposed efficiency savings to reduce spending in Learning Disability Services be made available to the Budget Research and Evaluation Panel.

Noted. The Social Services Improvement Plan is monitoring progress in LD.

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4. Any examples of potential savings that could be explored where there is possible duplication of provision and resources, for example, the provision of transport to school for a disabled child in a family with a Motability car.

A new social services transport policy will be brought forward for consultation in due course.