

Meeting of the Social Services, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

12 March 2026

Responses to Recommendations / Additional Information Requested

	Recommendations / Information Requested:	Response:	Accepted / Partially Accepted / Not Accepted:
Learning Disabilities Transformation Programme			
Recommendations			
1	The Committee expressed concern regarding the way in which the information contained in the tables in the financial implications section of the report is presented and that the impact on and voice of Service Users was not reflected in the report although verbal responses referred to both. The Committee recommended that the Directorate reviews its report writing, encouraging their report authors to adopt an approach that includes the impact on Service Users and ensures that their voice is included in addition to data, and that consideration be given to analysing the information received from Finance and presenting it clearly and accessibly in reports, for Members and the public.	This recommendation has been discussed at the SSWB DMT and will be discussed at the Children and Family Services and Adult Social Care SMTs. Report authors will be supported to ensure that reports demonstrate the impact on people, where this is relevant, as well as the service and financial implications.	Accepted
2	The Committee discussed the additional 3 posts created to embed and accelerate progress through to April 2027 secured through a combination of growth and reprofiling of grant funding, expressed concern regarding the risk of not securing further grant funding and recommended that consideration be	As the posts are funded from a very longstanding grant the decision has been made to recruit to the posts permanently with the grant funding, knowing that as they are social work posts there is always turnover elsewhere in the service in the small chance that the grant funding were to cease.	Partially Accepted

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	given to the posts being permanent and funded from the base budget.		
3	Members heard from Service Users that they would like access to more college courses but the number of courses offered had reduced and were fully subscribed. The Committee expressed concern that the service was starting to have an increased demand, in particular for younger people and whether the new college campus opening would offer more availability including courses specifically aimed for those with barriers to learning and recommended that a letter be written to the principal of the college to clarify the position.	Letter sent and response shared with Members of the Committee.	Accepted
4	The Committee also heard from Service Users regarding the extensive housing register waiting time and recommended that a letter be written to the Group Manager - Housing expressing the Committee's concern and to ask that consideration be given to working more closely with the private rented sector to aim to reduce waiting times.	Letter sent and response shared with Members of the Committee.	Accepted
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5	Following an invitation to Members from the Service Users to attend the 'Have Our Say' Group meetings, the Committee requested the dates of the	Information shared with Members.	Accepted

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	upcoming meetings and the necessary contact details to arrange to attend a meeting.		
Assisted Transport Policy			
Recommendations			
6	The Committee recommended that an easy read version of the Policy be prepared and made available.	We will make arrangements to develop an easy read guide version of the Transport Guidance in conjunction with our partners in Bridgend People First.	Accepted
Additional Information Requested			
7	The Committee discussed Section 6 of the Assisted Transport Policy which listed circumstances when individuals will normally not be eligible for transport and requested examples of when individuals would be eligible for assisted transport in accordance with the Policy.	<p>Eligibility for transport provision includes: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of their assessed needs individuals are unable to travel to day opportunities independently and do not have access to other modes of transport, e.g. Motability vehicles. • Accessibility to transport options such as buses or trains is limited or infrequent; particularly in more rural areas of Bridgend • Carers / family members have care, and support needs themselves and cannot support an individual with travel • Day Opportunities are required to provide respite support to enable an individual to remain living at home as long as possible – 	Accepted

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		<p>particularly within Older Persons services and for people with a diagnosis of dementia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mobility element of their benefits is already fully and reasonably utilized to fund other mobility needs • Access to day opportunities is critical to an individual's health and wellbeing needs and no other modes of transport are available <p>Where concerns and / or safeguarding issues are identified and support at Day Opportunities forms part of the risk management plans in place.</p>	
8	<p>The Committee requested the reasons why the Directorate's Day Services budget funds some individuals home to college transport rather than from elsewhere.</p>	<p>Decisions to agree funding for transport to college are made at the transition outcomes surgery and agreed there. Surgery has to be satisfied that the transport policy has been applied appropriately and the young person meets the criteria for council funded transport. The existing mechanism for arranging transport in day services is then used to put the transport in place. In doing this consideration is given to the most cost-effective way of providing the transport which may be including the young person on an existing bus or taxi route, combining people together where this is practical or as a last resort setting up a new arrangement. The costs for college transport are coded to a Community Learning Disability team budget as the most appropriate budget code. This expenditure is monitored as part of the Community Learning Disability Team budget monitoring process. These arrangements only operate during</p>	Accepted

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		college term time and come to an end when the young person ceases to go to college.	
Forward Work Programme Update			
9	<p>The Committee requested that the following items be scheduled to their Forward Work Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Support for Care Leavers b. Child Protection c. Integrated Health Services / Package of Care Delays 	Items added to the Committee's Forward Work Programme.	Accepted