

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CORPORATE PARENTING CABINET

30 JULY 2015

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING

APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE FOR REGULATED SERVICES

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 To provide Cabinet Members with the revised statements of purpose for the current regulated services provision in Bridgend County Borough.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

- 2.1 The report links to the following corporate priorities:

- Working together to raise ambitions and to drive up educational achievements
- 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 Bridgend County Borough Council currently has three children's residential homes and a fostering service delivering services to children and young people aged 0-18 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 11-15 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.
- Fostering services include; general, relative, Regulation 38, Family Link, private fostering, Support Care and supported lodgings fostering provision and a placement support service.

4. Current situation.

- 4.1 Each in-house service provision has its own statement of purpose included at **Appendices 1-4.**

- 4.2 Newbridge house; changes to the Statement of Purpose are:-

- P.17 in S.12 addition of CSE training for staff;
- P.17 section 13 has been re-written;

- P.25 point 26 the final paragraph has been re written and the final paragraph of the CAMHS section was amended.

4.3 Sunnybank; changes to the Statement of Purpose are:-

- Section 13 has been re-written to reflect changes in educational provision in the borough;
- Section 26 has been re-written to reflect the disbanding of the Youth Service in its previous format and the development of community hubs. Also the change of staff provision and remit within the Youth offending service.

4.4 Bakers Way; changes to the Statement of Purpose are:-

- P.7 details and qualifications of the registered manager;
- P.8 staff details and qualifications;
- P.12 changes of staff names and title roles;
- P.13 amendment to the final paragraph in the section entitled assessment of the child/young person's needs;
- P.15, 2 additional paragraphs added to the end of section 12 (medication).

4.5 Bridgend CBC Fostering services; changes to the Statement of Purpose are:-

- Throughout the document all references to the Resolutions Fostering Service have been removed as this service has now formally ceased;
- P.5 the names of the responsible staff within the management structure have been amended;
- P.7 removal of foster carer surgeries due to the lack of take up. Removal of funded events - Halloween and Easter parties. Change of payment of basic allowances in line with WG guidance;
- P.17 – the Family Link service is now incorporated into Bridgend Foster Care;
- P.21 – removal of the access to the SNAP service (this no longer exists). Annual review is no longer being piloted (wording removed).

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

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

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 EIA's were completed in respect of Sunnybank and Newbridge House when the services were remodelled in January 2012.

7. Financial Implications.

- 7.1 There are no financial implications related to this report.

8. Recommendation.

- 8.1 Members to note the content of the report and approve the statement of purpose for each of the regulated services provision.

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10. Background documents

Appendices 1-4 – SOP Newbridge House, Sunnybank, Bakers Way and Fostering Services CBC