

Social Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme Descriptors 2018/19

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Date / Timing	Overarching Item	Officer & Cabinet Member	Scrutiny Focus
12 th June 2018	Annual Work Programme	Social Services Scrutiny Committee	To consider and approve the Work Programme for 2018 / 2019
	WCCIS end of year performance update	Anne Powell / Mark Anderton / Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Summary report – providing a position statement on performance reporting developments, reporting timetable and share year end data for 2017 / 2018.
	Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) Inspection – verbal update on feedback	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - CIW verbal update on findings from inspection of Children’s Social Services in April / May 2018. Once final report is available it will be made available to the scrutiny committee.
	Barod.Cymru (formerly Drugaid)	Sian prior / Rob Parker / Steve Peters ?/Lisa Curtis-Jones	Scrutiny & Challenge: - To receive a presentation from Drugaid on the work that they are doing.
24 th July 2018	Review of residential Services	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Mark Anderton / Lowri Morgan	Scrutiny & Challenge: - A review of Residential Care Services is currently underway. Scrutiny to be provided with background information and findings to date.
	Update on Regional Strategies	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Cllr Dave Hughes	Provision of an update on regional partnership business. Update will include the following topics: Carers Strategy; Learning Disability Strategy; Older Persons Strategy and Pooled Budgets.
	ACRF – Annual Report on Social Services 2017 / 2018	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Cllr Dave Hughes	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Following a consultation workshop with Scrutiny Members; a report summarising key messages from the Annual Report on Social Services 2017 / 2018 will be presented for information. The Annual Report on Social Services will undergo consultation between 4 th and 15 th June 2018. Following this period of consultation, feedback received will be used to help shape and finalise the final report; which will be submitted to Welsh Government by 30 th June 2018.

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	Adult Services Strategy Update (7)	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Mark Anderton	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The Head of Adult Services will provide an update on the ongoing strategic work within adult social services and next steps.
	Cwm Taf Youth Offending Service (YOS) progress update (9)	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel Lloyd / Lyndon Lewis (RCTCBC)	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The committee requires a further update on progress made in implementation of the post inspection improvement action plan. Previous update received by Social Services Scrutiny Committee on 19 th September 2018. The YOS is a multi-agency team which is made up of members of the Police, Probation, Health, Education, Substance Misuse and Social Services; as well as other specific to the team. The YOS deals with young people between the ages of 10 and 18 who are involved in the criminal justice system and those who are just on the periphery of becoming involved in the system.
	Care leavers and number of Council tax exemptions This is an action request from the Chair of Social Services Scrutiny on 12th June 2018 (SS Scrutiny).	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The Head of Children's Services will provide a brief report outlining number of care leavers and number of Council tax exemptions
18 th September 2018	Looked After Children Strategy Update (1)	Annabel Lloyd / Cllr David Hughes	Scrutiny & Challenge: - An update on progress implementing the LAC Strategy and the associated risks, issues and challenges. The Strategy is seeking a reduction in the number of LAC and CPR over the next few years.
	Children's Services Strategy Update (8)	Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The Head of Children's Services will provide an update on strategies applicable to Children's Social Services
	Children's and Young People's Plan As requested by the Chair in the 24th July scrutiny.	Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The Head of Children's Services will provide an update on the Children's and Young People's Plan.

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	Budget Update (10)	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Cllr David Hughes / Stacey Evans	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Report to be presented to Scrutiny providing an update on Social Services budget overall, areas of likely overspend and the measures that have been put in place to help reduce any overspend within the department.
	Community Zones (3)	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Chris Hole	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Community Zones is a place based approach focussing on support to improve outcomes for residents with the greatest challenges. The Committee requires an update i.e. how the zones are progressing; what challenges are being faced; and what performance indicators have been developed.
23 rd October 2018	CTSCB / CTSAB Annual Reports (2)	Nicola Kingham and officers / Alex Beckham / Cllr David Hughes	Scrutiny & Challenge: - These separate reports summarises the work undertaken by the CTSCB and the CTSAB to achieve its objectives during the year. They also summarise the areas of development identified. Cwm Taf Safeguarding Children Board (CTSCB) Cwm Taf Safeguarding Adults Board (CTSAB)
	Children's Services Inspection This is an action request from the Chair of Social Services at Scrutiny on 18th September 2018 (SS Scrutiny).	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - To provide a summary of the strengths and development areas highlighted in the recent Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) Children's Services Inspection Report
	ACRF – Annual Report on Social Services 2017 / 2018 This report was postponed from 24th July 2018 Scrutiny. This has been postponed until 23rd April 2019.	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Cllr Dave Hughes	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Following a consultation workshop with Scrutiny Members; a report summarising key messages from the Annual Report on Social Services 2017 / 2018 will be presented for information.
	Early Years Learning	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Chris Hole /	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Scrutiny to receive a report on progress.

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	This has been deleted as the report will be presented at Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny in January 2019. (Agreed by Chair and members in 23 rd Oct Scrutiny.)	Cllr David Hughes	
	Corporate Parenting Update This report will not be available until December therefore will go to January Scrutiny. (Agreed by Chair and members in 23 rd Oct Scrutiny.)	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - To provide data and performance in relation to Corporate Parenting
4 th December 2018	Vale, Valleys And Cardiff Adoption Collaborative (VVC) - Annual Report For 1 April 2017 To 31 March 2018	Annabel Lloyd / Angela Harris and Rachel Evans (Vale of Glamorgan)	Scrutiny & Challenge: - To provide an update on performance in relation to our regional adoption collaborative.
	Cwm Taf Integrated Family Support Team (IFST) Annual Report (6)	Annabel Lloyd / Jay Goulding (RCT)	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Annual Report on progress within the Cwm Taf IFST and the wider implementation.
	Adult Services Strategy Update (7)	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Mark Anderton	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The Head of Adult Services will provide an update on the ongoing strategic work within adult social services and next steps.
	Budget Update This is an action request from the Chair of Social Services Scrutiny on 18th September 2018 (SS Scrutiny). This was deferred until further notice due to redundancies and restructuring activities within the service.	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Cllr David Hughes / Stacey Evans	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Report to be presented to Scrutiny providing an update on Social Services budget for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2, areas of likely overspend and the measures that have been put in place to help reduce any overspend within the department.
22 nd January 2019	Violence against Women	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Meeting to receive an update on progress in relation

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	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Updates This was deferred until 23rd April 2019 as SMT were not available to present this report.	Lloyd / Cllr David Hughes / Deborah Evans (SMT) / Steve Peters	to the strategy and action plan. Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council is a member of the Cwm Taf Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Steering Group, which is the lead partnership taking forward the Cwm Taf regions implementation of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.
	Tackling Poverty	Chris Hole	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Looking at the funding flexibilities and the work being completed around tackling poverty.
	Corporate Parenting Update This has been rescheduled from 23rd October 2018 Social Services Scrutiny as the data is not available until December 2018. (Agreed by Chair and members in 23rd Oct Scrutiny.)	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - To provide data and performance in relation to Corporate Parenting
12 th March 2019	Annual Report - Social Services Complaints, Representations and Compliments	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Jonathan Strong / Cllr Chris Davies	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Local Authorities are required to the Social Services Complaints Procedure (Wales) Regulations 2014 and the Representations Procedure (Wales) Regulations 2014 to produce an Annual Report about the operation of their Social Services Complaints, Representations and Compliments Policy and Procedures.
	Children's Services Strategy Update (8)	Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The Head of Children's Services will provide an update on strategies applicable to Children's Social Services
	Children's Services Inspection Update This is an action request from the Chair of Social Services at Scrutiny on 23rd October 2018 (SS Scrutiny).	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - To provide an update of the action plan formulated as a result of the recent Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) Children's Services Inspection Report.
23 rd April 2019	ACRF – Draft Annual Report on Social Services 2018 / 2019 Consultation	Lisa Curtis-Jones	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Scrutiny to provide comment and challenge in relation to the Draft Annual Report on Social Services 2018 / 2019.

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	CTSCB / CTSAB Annual Reports (2)	Nicola Kingham and officers / Jon Eyre / Cllr Chris Davies	<p>Scrutiny & Challenge: - These separate reports summarises the work undertaken by the CTSCB and the CTSAB to achieve its objectives during the year. They also summarise the areas of development identified.</p> <p>Cwm Taf Safeguarding Children Board (CTSCB) Cwm Taf Safeguarding Adults Board (CTSAB)</p>
	<p>Violence against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Updates</p> <p>This has been rescheduled from 22nd January 2019 Social Services Scrutiny as SMT was not available to present this data in January 2019. (Agreed by Chair and members in 22nd Jan Scrutiny.)</p>	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel Lloyd / Cllr Chris Davies / Deborah Evans (SMT) / Steve Peters	<p>Scrutiny & Challenge: - Meeting to receive an update on progress in relation to the strategy and action plan.</p> <p>Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council is a member of the Cwm Taf Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Steering Group, which is the lead partnership taking forward the Cwm Taf regions implementation of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.</p>

Additional items to consider for Work		
Date to be confirmed	Valleys Life	Update on plans and progress (Howard – this is the project Mark made reference to).
Date to be confirmed	Adult Day Service Provision	Update on the review and re-design of Adult Day Service provision (again, referenced by Mark)
Date to be confirmed	<p>Presentation: Setting the Scene - Children Looked After & Carer Leavers:</p>	<p>Joint meeting with Learning & LAESCYP to discuss :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Story in Merthyr Tydfil Corporate Parenting responsibilities, SSWB / Children Act duties, Number of CLA, Placements etc . • Education overview re CLA – Education and LACES

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	<p>Education/Social services Lisa Curtis-Jones Sue Walker Annabel Lloyd Sarah Bowen Sarah Skuse Jessica Jones</p>	<p>Agenda for Joint Scrutiny –Education and Social Services. June 2018</p> <p>1. Presentation: Setting the Scene - Children Looked After & Carer Leavers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Story in Merthyr Tydfil Corporate Parenting responsibilities, SSWB / Children Act duties, Number of CLA, Placements etc . • Education overview re CLA – Education and LACES <p>2. Questions on presentation from Scrutiny members</p> <p>3. Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the data telling us? 2015/16 National and local dataset as per Stat Wales / PI's • Reminder of our current performance for CLA at all Key stages (where this is available)? • What is the range of support offered to our Children Looked After? (including What is the LEA doing to directly support schools and school staff (teaching / non teaching) and governing bodies to assist CLA learners?) • Provide an update on the Pupil Development Grant and how it is being used to benefit Merthyr Tydfil Children Looked After . • What are the challenges facing the Authority in supporting our Children Looked After? • The challenge to All What more can and should we be doing to improve wellbeing outcomes and raise educational standards for Merthyr Tydfil Children Looked After?! <p>4. Questions on report from Scrutiny members</p>
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