



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Social Care, Health & Well-being Cabinet Board

1 April 2021

Report of the Head of Adult Services – Ms A. Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected - All wards

Quality Assurance Framework for the Provision of Learning Disability and Mental Health Supported Living Services in Neath Port Talbot.

Purpose of the Report

To present Members with the proposed Quality Assurance Framework and seek approval to conduct a 90-day public consultation.

Executive Summary

The Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) (Appendix 1) sets out the criteria against which providers of Supported Living Schemes for adults with learning disabilities and/or mental health conditions in Neath Port Talbot are assessed.

Background

The provision of good quality and responsive adult social care support remains a priority of the Council. The Council also has a responsibility to ensure that public funds are spent efficiently and effectively.

The purpose of the QAF is to provide the Council and its partners with a methodology for assessing the quality of service provision against various criteria affecting the day to day life of those adults placed in supported living schemes.

Financial Impacts

There are no financial impacts arising from this report. It is not expected that implementation will likely incur any additional expenditure, nor will any additional income flows likely be received as a consequence.

Integrated Impact Assessment

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016). The first stage impact assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment was required.

An overview of the Integrated Impact Assessment has been included below in summary form only and it is essential that Members read the Integrated Impact Assessment, which is attached to the report at Appendix 3, for the purposes of the meeting.

It is concluded that overall the QAF will have a neutral impact on protected characteristics. The purpose of the QAF is to set out the criteria against which providers of Supported Living Schemes for adults with learning disabilities and/or mental health conditions in Neath Port Talbot are assessed. Should any negative impacts come to light these will be addressed and brought to Members' attention.

Valleys Communities Impacts

The recommendation has no spatial impact on our valleys communities and does not link to the impacts identified in the Cabinet's response to the Council's Task and Finish Group's recommendations on the Valleys.

Workforce Impacts

No implications.

Legal Impacts

The QAF has been developed in line with the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, Regulations and Codes of Practice that set

out the Council's duty to assess an individual's need for care and support, as well as the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) Act 2015 which includes responsibility for ensuring sustainability of services.

Risk Management Impacts

There are no risks associated with this item.

Consultation

It is proposed that, with Members' permission, a 90-day public consultation exercise is undertaken. This will consist of paper and on-line surveys. In addition, officers will attend various groups and forums around Neath Port Talbot to reach as many stakeholders as possible, including service users, carers, providers and partner organisations as possible. The Consultation Document can be found at Appendix 4 of this report.

Recommendations

It is recommended that, taking into account the attached Integrated Impact Assessment, Members grant permission for Officers to consult on the proposed Quality Assurance Framework for the Provision of Learning Disability and Mental Health Supported Living Services in Neath Port Talbot attached as set out at Appendix 1 to this report.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To ensure sustainable good quality supported living schemes are available to meet the needs of adults in Neath Port Talbot with learning disabilities and mental health needs.

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Quality Assurance Framework for the Provision of Learning Disability and Mental Health Supported Living Services in Neath Port Talbot.

Appendix 2 – Easy Read Version.

Appendix 3 – Integrated Impact Assessment.

Appendix 4 – Consultation Document.

List of Background Papers

None.

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