

SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

29TH FEBRUARY, 2016

SUBJECT: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SUPPORT WORKER PROJECT

Purpose:

To provide an update on the pilot project to deliver non-complex wound care management at Llys y Bryn Residential Care Home.

To consider and comment on the following issues:

The proposed future expansion of the pilot to other local authority care homes in Carmarthenshire

REASONS:

To provide an opportunity for the Scrutiny committee to provide comments on the results of the pilot project.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder:

Cllr. J. Tremlett (Social Care & Health Portfolio Holder)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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1. BRIEF SUMMARY:

In November 2014, the Carmarthenshire Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Board approved a proposal to utilise Intermediate Care Funding (ICF) to take forward the Health and Social Care Support Worker Project. It is a project that seeks to transfer healthcare related tasks to social care workers in care homes for older people. The project focused on the delivery of non-complex wound care at Llys y Bryn Residential Care Home.

The evidence strongly suggests that training Llys y Bryn staff in non-complex wound care has been an effective return on investment in terms of reduced District Nurse attendance. There are other benefits such as improved quality of life for the residents, improved working between Llys y Bryn staff and District Nurses and a more confident work-force.

The pilot has proved to be highly successful and has challenged the traditional concept of different staff groups working in silos. It has proven that integrated care workers have made a considerable contribution towards this.

As a result of this proof of concept stage it is now evident that this model can be extended to include other interventions such as vital sign recording and catheter care.

It is also recommended that the model of non-complex wound care training is rolled out a scale to other Local Authority homes in Carmarthenshire. It is strongly advised an impact evaluation is built in from the outset along with financial analysis regarding the return on investment.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Rhian Dawson

Head of Integrated Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

2. Finance

The Health and Social Care Support Worker pilot project has been an effective return on investment. The financial estimates suggest this will be reached after approximately 4-6 months, in terms of reduced District Nurse attendance.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Rhian Dawson

Head of Integrated Services

1. Local Member(s)

Not applicable

2. Community / Town Council

Not applicable

3. Relevant Partners

Hywel Dda University Health Board's County Director has been consulted.

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Not applicable

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
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