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CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date and Time of Meeting WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE 2018, 4.30 PM

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12 June 2018

Councillor Susan Elsmore
Cabinet Member Social Care, Health & Wellbeing
County Hall
Cardiff
CF10 4UW



Dear Susan,

**COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 6 JUNE 2018 –
CARERS BRIEFING**

As Chair of the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee, I wish to thank you and officers for attending Committee and providing Members with a briefing on progress relating to Carers Assessments and Engagement. Members of the Committee have requested that I feed back the following comments and observations to you.

Overall, Members were pleased with the progress made in relation to services offered to carers. However, Members felt that they needed more data and information to enable them to properly consider the landscape around this issue. They have therefore asked for the following information to be provided to a future Scrutiny Committee for further consideration:

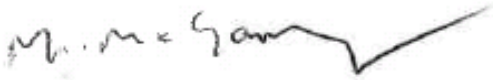
Regarding the 3300 carers known to Adult Services in 2017/18, Members heard that around 25% (770) had received assessments. Members request the following:

- For those who have received assessments, a breakdown of:
 - What support is currently being provided to them
 - The range of support being provided for the 770 people - to include an explanation of what these are
 - How many are receiving “substantial” support
 - How many of those assessed have not received any support following assessment
- Of the remaining 75% who did not take up services, a detailed breakdown of the reasons why they did not take up or require assistance
- A breakdown of the number of people receiving direct payments for carers support

- The number of people receiving “night sits”
- A geographical breakdown of where identified carers are located – this is to assist Members in identifying whether there are areas of the City where demand is higher; and also to help Members to potentially correlate the work of the Hubs in identifying and signposting carers towards assessment.
- Members had previously requested that they would wish to receive a detailed breakdown of the range of carers in the City – age; socio-demographic etc.
- Members also wish to receive a brief on the opportunities/challenges that are being faced in the light of increasing numbers of carers being identified – how will this be managed and the impact this has on resources.

Thank you again to you and officers for attending. I do not require a response to this letter, but have tasked CASSC’s Scrutiny Officer to work with Officers in bringing back this Issue to a suitable Committee meeting during 2018/19.

Yours sincerely,



COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARY M^CGARRY
Chairperson - Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

Cc: Sarah McGill, Corporate Director People and Communities
Sue Schelewa (Operational Manager, Locality Services)
Nick Blake (Business Support Manager)

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Dear Susan,

**COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 6 JUNE 2018 -
CARDIFF AND VALE OF GLAMORGAN VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN,
DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE STRATEGY 2018-2023**

As Chair of the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee, I wish to thank you and officers for attending Committee and providing Members with an opportunity to consider ***“Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy 2018-2023”*** proposal prior to it being considered by Cabinet on the 14 June 2018. Members of the Committee have requested that I feed back the following comments and observations to you:

The Committee supports the proposals and commends the report to Cabinet. The Committee wanted to congratulate you and officers on the production of a comprehensive Strategy document that addresses the complexities of this issue in a clear, easy-to-read format. I believe that this document should act as a blueprint for strategies going forward.

Members noted the steps that are being taken to encourage individuals to report incidents and then follow through to the process of prosecution etc. Members also welcomed the identification and inclusion of men in this issue. Responses from yourself and officers stated that, for both of these, awareness raising and “getting the message out there” will be the key to giving individuals the confidence to come forward to get help and/or report the perpetrators.

Members were disappointed that, whilst the development of a Strategy was enforced on the Council and its partners, it had not resulted in any additional funds or powers to deliver it. Members commended the regional approach adopted, and the commitment for pooling

resources to maximise the impact of the implementation of the Strategy. Members were also reassured that the commitment to deliver services wider than Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan had been considered and that the Strategy did not preclude services being shared wider.

Members noted that there was a need to strengthen partnership arrangements with the Ministry of Justice and Courts (particularly the Crown Court), particularly in light of recent coverage of negative experiences of family courts.

Members were concerned that budgets/finances were not yet agreed amongst partners, to deliver the Strategy, and would recommend that this be addressed as a matter of urgency. Members heard that work would be undertaken within current budgets but would wish to be assured that this be clearly set out to ensure the achievement of the Strategy. Members recognised that the Strategy, and partnership working, offered opportunities in terms of efficiencies but would welcome this to be specified at the earliest opportunity.

Members also recommend that the Action Plan accompanying the Strategy be available and published at the same time as the Strategy. Members noted that it was anticipated that the Action Plan will be available within the next month, but would wish to flag up that it is critical that both be available at the same time.

Members noted the use of the Ready Reckoner Tool for presenting data in relation to this issue and accepted the response that this was, at this stage, robust in setting the scene for a range of offences under the Strategy.

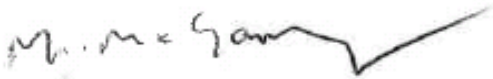
Members also noted (and accepted the response) in relation to consulting with religious leaders during the development of this Strategy. Members also highlighted the issue of using the workforce in delivering the strategy (and not relying on a small number of organisations), and stressed the need to engage with a wide range of individuals within the community to empower them to assist in addressing this issue. Members also highlighted the need to ensure that promotion via public transport and taxis be included as part of the awareness raising campaign.

Finally Members raised the issue about ensuring that BSL and other specific requirements are met in the delivery of the Strategy.

Thank you again to you and officers for attending. I do not require a response to this letter, but have tasked CASSC's Scrutiny Officer to work with Officers in ensuring that Members are able to receive detailed updates on the Strategy it continues to develop.

I hope you find the Committee's comments useful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary McGarry', with a stylized flourish at the end.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARY M^CGARRY

Chairperson - Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

Cc: Sarah McGill (Corporate Director People and Communities)
Natalie Southgate (Policy & Development Manager, Housing & Communities)
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