

CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF

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COMMUNITY AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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**BRIEFING REPORT – SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING (WALES)
ACT 2014 – PREVENTATIVE SERVICES**

Purpose of Report

1. The Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee has requested regular briefing reports be provided on the implementation of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014, hereafter referred to as the Act.
2. The Act provides a pathway approach to social services and sets out the requirements and duties for local authorities for each stage in the pathway. Members have previously received updates on the first stage (Information Advice and Assistance). This briefing provides information on the next stage (preventative services) and details how these have been planned and promoted.
3. The briefing report, which has been prepared by Adult Social Services officers, is attached at **Appendix 1** and sets out:
 - a. The work of the regional Social Services Planning and Promoting Preventative Services task and finish group.
 - b. The work of the Preventative Services Project, being delivered by Independent Living Services.
 - c. A short summary of the Population Needs Assessment, required by the Act.
4. The report stresses that the Act requires that prevention underpin all aspects of the delivery of care and support, with greater emphasis required on earlier intervention, community preventative services, reablement and independent living.

5. The briefing report details that work has been undertaken to map the current position in relation to preventative services across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan, resulting in a report which is attached as **Appendix A to Appendix 1**. The Planning Promoting Preventative Services task and finish group considered the findings of the report and their views are detailed at point 22 of the briefing report. The Regional Steering Group is now considering how best to take work forward, as detailed at point 23 of **Appendix 1**.
6. The briefing report details the following preventative services:
 - a. Dewis Cymru – providing information on resources available to improve wellbeing, including support services and advice services.
 - b. Independent Living Services – including First Point of Contact, Occupational Therapy, Joint Equipment Services, Adaptations and Day Opportunities.
7. As the report is for information only, no Cabinet Members or officers will be present at Committee for this item.

Financial Implications

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications.

Legal Implications

9. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person

exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to note the briefing report and consider the future scrutiny of this item.

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