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Annwyl / Dear Mary

**Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee Meeting - 4th November 2015 - Reshaping and Day Opps**

Thank you for your letter of 5<sup>th</sup> November, following my attendance at scrutiny committee with Directors and the WLGA associate Andrew Cozens. I welcome the committee's positive reception of the reports considered at the meeting, particularly in terms of the overall improvement journey that is taking shape across the whole of adult services.

In terms of the specific questions raised I would respond as follows:-

1. The Narrative – I regard scrutiny as a key stakeholder in considering the narrative for adult social care and therefore believe it is important for you to have updates throughout the overall improvement journey as it progresses. Once the narrative itself has been considered by the improvement board and refined for wider consultation, arrangements will be made to schedule this for committee at an early opportunity.
2. Partnerships – It makes sense for the narrative to be developed in tandem with the work that Andrew Cozens is undertaking currently in relation to partnerships and you will also therefore have an opportunity to consider this at an appropriate juncture.
3. Ongoing scrutiny engagement – see 1 above
4. Metrics – these will be developed over a period of some months since they will necessarily need to strike a balance between new measures being

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introduced by the Welsh Government to support the delivery of the Social Services and Well Being Act and the need for measures which tell us the things we need to know in Cardiff. Developing dedicated measures that genuinely capture outcomes is neither simple nor quick but we will of course share these with you once we are clearer about the range we require.

5. Duplication – please be assured that we wish to avoid unnecessary duplication and that we are adopting the model which has been successful in delivering change in children's services without duplication of effort or resources.
6. As mentioned in committee I would be very pleased to bring back the results of the consultation on our Day Opportunities strategy and I am sure that officers will arrange for a suitable slot to be arranged. The consultation will inform the proposals that will be taken forward in February/March and it will be useful to discuss the post consultation recommendations within the strategy when we meet.
7. On page 12 of the draft Day Opportunities strategy document we have provided a graph that shows the number of sessions required to meet current service requirements for specialist dementia services and the known additional demand. The graph shows that current and known demand can be met within Grand Avenue, with a limited amount of additional capacity going forward.

Yn gwyir  
Yours sincerely



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