

Scrutiny Report



Performance Scrutiny Committee - People

Part 1

Date: 21 September 2021

Subject Children's Residential Care Provision

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The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

Invitee:	Area / Role / Subject
Sally Ann Jenkins	Head of Children's Services
Joanne Llewellyn	Service Manager- Children Services
Scott Hereford	Team Manager – Children's Services

Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked to consider:

1. Current provisions for in-house Children's Residential Care.
2. The future of in-house Children's Residential Care.

2 Context

Background

- 2.1 It is important as a LA that we have sufficiency of placement provision to meet the needs of the children looked after in Newport. Welsh Government has a strong drive to return children from out of authority placements to their home Local Authority and to increase the local provisions for children looked after; this includes residential provision.

Previous Consideration of this item

- 2.2 The Service Manager and Team Manager have never previously presented to Performance Scrutiny Committee - People. The item has therefore not been previously considered.

3 Information Submitted to the Committee

3.1 Information report – In-House Children’s Residential Care

4. Suggested Areas of Focus

Role of the Committee

The role of the Committee in considering the report is to:

- Assess and make comment on:
 - How effectively the service area is performing against objectives;
 - That the Committee is pleased with current and future planned developments in Children’s Residential care.
- In drawing its conclusions, the Committee should assess:
 - What was the overall conclusion on information contained within the report?
 - Is the Committee satisfied it has had all relevant information to base a conclusion on the report?
 - Does any area require a more in-depth review by the Committee?
 - Does the Committee wish to make any Comments/Recommendations to Cabinet?

Section B – Supporting Information

5 Supporting Information

5.1 [Corporate Plan 2017-2022 \(newport.gov.uk\)](http://newport.gov.uk)

6 Links to Council Policies and Priorities

- The Report has links to the *Aspirational People* and *Resilient Communities* Corporate Plan Commitments.

Well-being Objectives	Promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment	Improve skills, educational outcomes & employment opportunities	Enable people to be healthy, independent & resilient	Build cohesive & sustainable communities
Corporate Plan Commitments	Thriving City	Aspirational People		Resilient Communities
Supporting Function	Modernised Council			

7 Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act

7.1 General questions

The Well-being of Future Generations Act requires public bodies to think about the long term impact of their decisions and to work better with people, communities and to prevent persistent health problems, increase resilience and reduce inequalities.

The children's homes work with A Resilient Wales and A More Equal Wales in focus as they work from a model that aims to promote high quality care to the young people in Newport who are Looked After, enabling young people no matter their background to fulfil their potential.

The aim of Children's Residential Care is to balance the short term safeguarding needs of young people with the long term care and promoting independence and integration into their communities.

Each young person has well-being goals that are written within the What Matters To Me Document. This is a promotion of the young person's goals to enable them to have a bright future. The decoration of the homes, changes of culture and ethos, inclusive children's meetings and decisions in their care links with the collaboration and prevention of problems reoccurring or escalating.

8. Background Papers

Include all additional documents that are referenced in the report, and those that you have used as background reading. Hyperlink to online versions of them if available.

- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)

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