

<b>MEETING:</b>	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
<b>DATE:</b>	17 November 2015
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Council Chamber, Isle of Anglesey County Council, Llangefni.
<b>START TIME:</b>	2pm
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Issues / Questions to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

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<u>Women's Maternity Services and other Health Services</u>		
1.	Councillor Carwyn Jones	Betsi Cadwalader University Health Board (BCUHB) recently undertook a consultation on "Temporary Changes to Women's and Maternity Services in North Wales". There is concern on Anglesey that a specialist maternity service at Ysbyty Gwynedd is in jeopardy. Can you provide information on the Board's current position and what is going to happen?
2.	Councillor Derlwyn Hughes	What is BCUHB medium term strategic plan for the two community hospital sites (Ysbyty Penrhos- Holyhead and Ysbyty Cefni - Llangefni) on Anglesey?
<u>Financial Pressures on Public Services</u>		
3.	Councillor Derlwyn Hughes	It has been reported in the press that the BCUHB overspend is projected to be approximately £14 million pounds by the end of the 2015/2016 financial year, and may need to be revised upwards. Will you be able to maintain or enhance the current level of partnership with North Wales Councils, or will you be seeking to reduce your projected overspend by curtailing joint initiatives and/or reducing your financial contribution to community services next year?
<u>Services for Older People</u>		
4.	Councillor Derlwyn Hughes	What is the amount of community spend by BCUHB on adult social care and what steps is it taking to strengthen community support and nursing care in the community ?
<u>Services to Children and Young People ( including CAHMS)</u>		
5.	Councillor Derlwyn Hughes	The CSSIW national report, published in January 2015, and entitled "Inspection of Safeguarding and Care Planning of Looked after Children and Care Leavers who exhibit vulnerable or risky behavior" is critical of the suitability of mental health services for children in care. What has been BCUHB response to this report locally on the Island?

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6.	Councillor Derlwyn Hughes	School counselling and access thresholds to CAMHS services. It is clear from the regional fora held recently between government officials, CAMHS and school counselling services that there is significant scope to harmonise the types of support services offered by CAMHS across the region and the support that can be offered to schools, teachers and other support workers. What plans do the Health Board to ensure harmonising the 'offer' across the region to ensure equal access and opportunities for our young people?
7.	Councillor Derlwyn Hughes	Concern about the lack of communication regarding decisions to place young people out of the North Wales area for treatment in hospitals / specialist units in England without raising the Authority's awareness regarding the likelihood that significant additional costs can be expected as a result. How can the existing mechanism via the monthly joint commissioning panel be strengthened to improve communication between the Health Board and the Local Authority?
8.	Councillor Derlwyn Hughes	Concerns have been raised about a lack of consistency of shared provision across the region with regard to communication and language therapy support services for young people in our schools. The Council is is eager to move the agenda forward by negotiating a common written understanding about what can be expected in terms of the intervention levels and support packages available for children and young people in mainstream education, particularly in the secondary sector where there has been a shortfall in provision North West Wales. Does BCUHB have plans to introduce a regional common protocol outlining its service offer?

### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

9.	Councillor Carwyn Jones	The Authority, through its Transformation Programme for Adult Social Care, is committed to developing Extra Care provision across Anglesey supporting the Authority's vision of a fundamental shift away from traditional residential care in favour of alternative care models. A recent consultation took place with regard to "Haulfre" residential home at Llangoed. Has BCUHB been consulted with regard to the future of the residential home and, if so, what is its view on this matter, such as loss of bed capacity?
10.	Councillor Dylan Rees	A recent survey was held amongst North Wales G.P.'s in respect of their work life balance. It was evident from the survey that a considerable number of G.P.'s felt over-worked and some drew attention to the failures of the Board to reduce the pressure they are under. Here are some quotes: "We have too much pressure to provide care which we do not have the staffing levels to provide with no support from the BCUHB, the expectations are too great." "I love helping my patients but am getting increasingly frustrated by

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		<p>the inability of the Health Board to provide adequate secondary care services."</p> <p>"I still enjoy my job as a GP and feel that it is the best job in the world. However, I feel we are burdened with paperwork. I feel there is a lack of understanding from secondary care and the BCUHB about the pressures we are under. There is a constant shortage of beds to admit ill patients to. Long waiting lists impact upon us and patients come back repeatedly whilst they sit on the lists."</p> <p>Given the fact that the media have reported that North Wales GP Practices "are facing closure by the score without help" what exactly are the Board doing to help and support GP Practices?</p>
11.	Councillor Ann Griffith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As I understand, only women over the age of fifty are being called for cervical screening every 5 years and not every of 3 years. Is this being driven by clinical evidence or the need to save money?</li> <li>• In respect of breast care and cancer diagnosis, what is the current waiting time for women to see a consultant following referral from their General Practitioner?</li> </ul>
12.	Councillor Ann Griffith	<p>In respect of the Hergest Psychiatric Unit at Ysbyty Gwynedd:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many complaints concerning level of care and issues of safety have been received from patients about the Unit in 2015, and does historical data reflect any trend ?</li> <li>• Have there been many incidents of whistle blowing received from staff in 2015, and does historical data reflect any trend ?</li> </ul>
13.	Councillor Ann Griffith	<p>I understand that Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) has become a criminal offence in the UK since 1985 but the level of prosecution appears to be very low in the UK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does BCUHB provide a training framework for its staff in order to help identify cases of FGM ?</li> <li>• On Anglesey, how many cases of FGM have been reported by BCUHB to North Wales Police ?</li> </ul>
14.	Councillor Ann Griffith	<p>Does BCUB know the level of drug abuse on Anglesey and how many people on the Island receive residential rehabilitation for their problem?</p>
15.	Councillor Ann Griffith	<p>What is the average waiting time for talking therapies on Anglesey ? ( By talking therapies reference is made to help offered by BCUHB to people suffering with depression or anxiety based problems).</p>