



Health and Social Care ... Promoting Independence

Through working with our partners in the public, private, and voluntary organizations to promote health and wellbeing within the whole community the Council will seek to meet the needs and aspiration of citizen's at all stages of their lives

The aims set out for the Social Services Directorate as part of their Strategic Planning Framework is to:

- Maximise independence
- Minimise dependence
- Promote independence
- Prevent dependence
- Protect children and vulnerable adults
- To strengthen the partnership with Health, Social Services and Housing to achieve supporting and maintaining peoples independence



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Last year's objectives and achievements – how did we do?

- ✓ New permanent senior management team appointed and increased stability.
- ✓ Achievement of improvement targets linked to the Social Services Inspectorate for Wales quarterly monitoring of performance in children's services and significant reductions in the Looked After children population.
- ✓ Mainly good progress in Adult Services as identified in the Social Services Inspectorate for Wales follow up inspection.
- ✓ A balanced budget for 2004/05 and clear budget management and monitoring arrangements in place.
- ✓ Significant reduction in levels of delayed transfers of care.
- ✓ Action and plans to provide more independent living support for adults including a major review of arrangements to support for older people. Living Independently in the 21st Century Strategy and the Learning Disability Strategy
- ✗ Improved in providing more services to support older people at home but unable to meet target to reduce number of older people supported in care homes



What We Are Planning To Achieve with our partners during 2006/2007

- Development of a User and Carer Consultation Strategy and Framework
- Development of Commissioning strategies for each service area
- Re-configuring services to support independent living and early intervention preventative services
- Implementation of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board
- Further improving social work practice to achieve better outcomes for service users and carers
- Successfully responding to improvement areas identified in inspections and reviews

Performance Indicators	Outturn 2005/06	Target 2005/06	Above	On	Below	Welsh Comparison		Target 2006/07
						Highest Outturn	Lowest Outturn	
The percentage of first placements of looked after children during the year that began with a care plan in place	97.00%	95.00%	✓			100.00%	32.90%	100%
For those children looked after whose second review (due at 4 months) was due in the year, the percentage with a plan for permanence at the due date	100%	95.00%	✓			100.00%	62.10%	100%
The percentage of children looked after at 31 March who have experienced one or more change of school, during a period or periods of being looked after, which were not due to transitional arrangements, in the 12 months to 31 March	21.70%	15.00%			✓	4.30%	25.60%	21.00%
The rate of delayed transfers of care for social care reasons per 1,000 population aged 75 or over	1.81	15	✓			0.08	24.23	8
The rate of older people (aged 65 or over) helped to live at home per 1,000 population aged 65 or over	148.65	148.25		✓		148.65	50.71	145

Performance Indicators	Outturn 2005/06	Target 2005/06	Above	On	Below	Welsh Comparison		Target 2006/07
						Highest Outturn	Lowest Outturn	
The rate of older people (aged 65 or over) whom the authority supports in care homes per 1,000 population aged 65 or over	34.26	32			✓	19.36	36.09	35
The average number, per 1,000 head of population, of units of floating support	1.9	1.81	✓			9.20	0.90	1.94
The average number, per 1,000 head of population, of bed spaces in direct access	0	0	-	-	-	0.90	0.00	0
The average number, per 1,000 head of population, of bed spaces in temporary residential accommodation	0.6	0.57		✓		1.30	0.00	0.48
The average number, per 1,000 head of population, of bed spaces in permanent residential accommodation	0.5	0.51		✓		1.50	0.00	0.55
The average number, per 1,000 head of population, of bed spaces in sheltered accommodation for older people	10.8	10.69	✓			20.20	2.00	10.94
The average number, per 1,000 head of population, of community alarm services	42.5	42.49		✓		42.50	0.00	16.63