

Suggested topic for scrutiny

Suggested by:

Councillor Roger Hunneman

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Is WBC properly discharging its responsibilities to those receiving 'Supported Living' with Mental Health Services.

Reasons for requesting that this topic be considered:

Press reports of apparent neglect of clients in receipt of 'supported living' provided by Creative Support on behalf of West Berkshire Council. I would like an investigation into whether the Support Tasks described in Appendix 1 of the service specification for supported living mental health services are being carried out by the Council's contractor.

This topic meets the following criteria:

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| (1) The issue is an area of key public concern (e.g. as identified through Members surgeries, constituents' concerns, the Annual Satisfaction Survey, raised in the local media, etc). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) It is a budgetary area in need of examination to ensure value for money is being obtained. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) There has been a pattern of budgetary overspends within the area. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (4) It has an external focus (e.g. scrutiny of the Council's partners, government agencies, utility providers, private sector companies, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (5) It is a Central Government priority area. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (6) It is an area of new Government legislation that has significant implications for the Council or its partners. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

The outcomes you hope scrutiny of this topic will achieve:

Reassurance that WBC is effectively safeguarding all those receiving Supported Living and has appropriate assessment procedures in place to ensure the clients are receiving the support for which they are entitled.

If you have already raised this issue with a Member or Officer of West Berkshire Council, please provide details here:

I have asked a series of questions relating to this issue with Tandra Forster.