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Summary: This is a letter from the Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel to The Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Healthy City following the meeting of the Panel on 5 April 2017. It is about Local Area Coordination.

Dear Councillor Child,

Local Area Coordination

Thank you for contributing to the Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel meeting held on 5 April 2017. Please also pass on our thanks to Alex Williams for her presentation of the university evaluation report.

We hope you find this letter useful as you develop the Local Area Coordination Programme going forward.

We were pleased to hear that the evaluation shows the preventative benefits of the programme and that the Council is planning to fund two additional coordinators while asking the Public Services Board to fund a further two.

Overall we felt it was a good report and a good start. The following positives are particularly worth noting:

- The well-being benefits of the programme
- The robustness of the evaluation and the corroboration from other areas
- The piloted, cautious approach to implementation

However, there are also a number of questions for you to consider going forward and for scrutiny to keep an eye on:

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- Whether the monetary case being made in the report is credible? We would particularly point to the lack of 'cashable' benefits that could be applied to specific budgets as savings
- Whether this investment could be better spent on other prevention programmes?
- Whether the programme has the potential to stimulate 'hidden need' that might otherwise not require services?
- Whether partner funding / involvement can be achieved?

We do of course recognise the difficulty of evaluating prevention programmes such as this. We also understand the argument that concerns about the monetary case need to be balanced against the need to take action in the face of rising demand.

All of which underlines the importance of having the right indicators of success – and of continuing monitoring by scrutiny. We are pleased to note that monitoring of Local Area Coordination will be incorporated into the Adult Services Performance Report and we will be recommending that this issue is given attention by scrutiny in the new municipal year.

Your Response

While we welcome your comments on any matter raised in this letter, on this occasion a formal response is not required.

Yours sincerely



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