

**Y CABINET
14 HYDREF 2024**

**Y PWNC
POLISI TALIADAU UNIONGYRCHOL**

Y Pwrpas:

I geisio cymeradwyaeth ar gyfer y Polisi Taliadau Uniongyrchol diwygiedig.

Yr Argymhellion / Penderfyniadau Allweddol Sydd Eu Hangen:

Cytuno ar y Polisi Taliadau Uniongyrchol diwygiedig.

Y Rhesymau:

Mae angen i'r awdurdod lleol ddiweddarau ei bolisi taliadau uniongyrchol i adlewyrchu newidiadau mewn amgylchiadau gan gynnwys ond heb fod yn gyfyngedig i'r ffaith bod y polisi taliadau uniongyrchol cyfredol yn sôn am Diverse Cymru fel ei ddarparwr cymorth dewisol, nad yw hynny'n wir mwyach.

Angen i'r Cabinet wneud penderfyniad

OES – 14 Hydref, 2024

Angen i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad

NAC OES

YR AELOD O'R CABINET SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:-

Y Cyng. J. Tremlett, Aelod o'r Cabinet dros Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol

Y Gyfarwyddiaeth:

Cymunedau

Enw Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth:

Joanna Jones

Awdur yr Adroddiad:

Joel Sven Martin

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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DIRECT PAYMENTS POLICY

In 2018 following the inception of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 the local authority updated its direct payment policy. Up until that point the direct payments policy had been a 3 counties policy covering Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire, and Pembrokeshire. In 2018 the local authority decided that the amended policy would solely cover Carmarthenshire. At the time individuals who received a direct payment received support about the management of that direct payment from an organisation called Diverse Cymru. On 1st April 2021 the local authority commenced its own inhouse support scheme in place of Diverse. Whilst the change from Diverse to an inhouse support provider service was the initial driver for looking to make amendments to the direct payments policy, work has been undertaken to consider the policy as a whole and the following additional amendments have been made:

- The minimum age for a suitable person to manage a direct payment on behalf of another being 18 years old.
- The use of self-employed personal assistants.
- The minimum age of a personal assistant being 16 and if delivering personal care 18 years of age.
- The right to risk assess situations where the direct payment recipient receives care in the personal assistant's own home.
- Personal assistants' expenses – which the local authority does not usually pay.
- If a person chooses to purchase a more expensive service, they are responsible for the difference in cost.
- Using respite provision for the number of weeks provided for and not using it to purchase a higher cost service for less weeks.
- Clarity over what support the inhouse provider will provide.
- The local authority will not normally allow a direct payment surplus of more than 6 weeks direct payments to accrue.
- The local authority will not normally pay direct payments for more than 6 weeks when the person is abroad.
- Greater detail about children and their parents who receive direct payments.
- Greater detail about the transitional arrangements where a young person becomes an adult.
- Greater detail about how the social services complaint procedure interacts with issues regarding direct payment.
- How the local authority will treat personal assistants with existing DBS checks.
- Updated documentation within the Appendices.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: **Joanna Jones** **Head of Integrated Services**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Manage- ment Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio- diversity & Climate Change
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: **Joanna Jones** **Head of Integrated Services**

1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination	NO
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Scrutiny Committee	
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Date the report was considered:-	
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Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-

2. Local Member(s) - N/A

3. Community / Town Council – N/A

4. Relevant Partners - N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED YES	Include any observations here
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**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THERE ARE NONE.

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection