

ADDENDUM TO THE FOLLOW-UP WARNING NOTICE ISSUED FOLLOWING THE INSPECTION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES, POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

Purpose

This is an addendum to the Follow-Up Warning Notice issued to Powys County Council on 15 January 2018, under section 151 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 ("the 2014 Act").

Further action required by Powys County Council to deal with the grounds for intervention and period for compliance is as follows:

- (a) To respond to the findings set out in Care Inspectorate Wales' letter and appendix one dated 5 April 2018 to the Interim Director of Social Services issued following CIW's monitoring visit in April 2018. The response should include actions and timescales for meeting each of the areas of concern highlighted in appendix one, and be returned to CIW by 30 April 2018;
- (b) To comply with the revised Improvement Plan, as submitted to the Care Inspectorate Wales on 23 January 2018, to ensure the improvement actions are achieved within the time periods, as out in the plan.
- (c) To continue implementation of the quality assurance framework, which was required by paragraph (d) of the Follow-Up Warning Notice, to improve consistency and standards of frontline practice across the county. The authority must be able to provide substantial evidence of implementation of the framework by 30 June 2018;
- (d) To continue to arrange for the new Improvement and Assurance Board, which was required by paragraph (e) of the Follow-Up Warning Notice, to oversee the actions of the Director of Social Services, to provide constructive challenge and strategic oversight of the Director's actions as regards all social services functions relating to children;
- (e) The Director of Social Services to continue to provide monthly reports to the Improvement and Assurance Board and Leader of the Council with a copy to the Director of Social Services and Integration, Welsh Government, which was required by paragraph (f) of the Follow-Up Warning Notice.

The new Improvement and Assurance Board has a dual role of holding Powys County Council accountable for improvement and seeking to offer advice to deliver improvement in both Social Services and the Council as a whole.

Action Welsh Ministers minded to take if local authority fails to take the required action

If Powys County Council does not carry out the actions set out within the specified period satisfactorily, Welsh Ministers are minded to more directly intervene in one or more of the methods of intervention provided for under sections 152-161 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.