

Pembrokeshire County Council Creating Organisational Change

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In the beginning...

"We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better."

JK Rowling



Enabling Conditions

- Challenge
- Acknowledgment that change is needed
- Political backing
- Build on good practice that exists
- Value base
- Focus on children & families
- Key individuals
- Identifying an evaluated framework to guide practice



Change Management Programme



Since 2011, Children's Services have undertaken significant business changes through a whole service approach to service re-design driven by clear care pathways and a "one team" ethos.

What we did...

- Reviewed and evaluated structures and procedures
- Co-located teams to support a "one team" approach
- Restructured/strengthened safeguarding delivery Integrated Adult and Children's Safeguarding Team
- Established an audit team, recreating practice standards to improve services
- Made significant efficiency savings with minimal impact on service delivery, whilst still achieving key performance indicators
- Introduced Signs of safety



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The Conversation!

How do we know it made a difference

"Hi....all the child care team, I would like to say a big thank you, on behalf of and all my family, for your kindness... I can't thank you all enough, for all your hard work behind the scenes. It has been intense, but thank you".

"When I started the course I was terrified. I didn't want to do it but I'm so glad I did"



"To look at things positively has been a great help for myself and my family" "I found STAR Club was really good, brilliant it was helpful and the staff were really kind" "Wonderful service - very professional and support offered to my family very quickly to help resolve our difficulties. A much needed and appreciated service - thank you".

Excellent feedback from CSSIW Inspection

Feedback noted;

- The creativity of staff
- Families are well-informed
- Strong emphasis on planning to maximise positive family relationships
- Voice of the child effectively communicated through assessments / planning process
- Evidence of positive children's rights ethos
- A consistent model to assess risks and develop safety plans

*Care planning for children/young people subject to the Public Law Outline Pre-proceedings review/inspection

Award Winning Services



TAF awarded Investors in Carers Bronze Award, June 2016

TAF win BASW Team of the Year Award, October 2016



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Lessons learned

- Mistakes are unavoidable
- Time to Change V Maintaining Pace
- Short Term Gains
- Bottom Line
- Stop & Change
- Resistant Staff
- Audit & Quality Assurance
- HR Support & Advice
- Strong Leadership Team



What would we do differently?

Confidence to know what works for your area/workplace

• Celebrate a staged approach

Identify a dedicated resource to lead SofS