



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first newsletter from the West Wales Care Partnership. Established under the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act, the Partnership brings together Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire County Councils, Hywel Dda University Health Board, colleagues from the third and independent sectors and service users and carers with a remit to transform care and support in the region and increase the pace of integration.

Regional Partnership Board

Part 9 of the Act requires the creation of new Regional Partnership Boards (RPBs) with specific duties to promote the integration of care and support services. The RPBs cover the areas of each of the seven Local Health Boards in Wales.

The West Wales RPB was formally established in June 2016. It is chaired by Sue Darnbrook, Strategic Director for Care, Protection and Lifestyle in Ceredigion County Council. The Vice Chair is Councillor Simon Hancock, Neyland East Independent, plus Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Health and Well-Being and Equalities in Pembrokeshire County Council. Other members of the RPB are:

Alan Thomas – User Representative
Councillor Catherine Hughes - Cabinet Member Responsible for Care, Assurance and Housing Services, Ceredigion County Council
Ceri Williams – General Public Representative, Care Council Wales
Councillor Jane Tremlett - Laugharne Township Independent Executive Board Member for Social Care & Health, Carmarthenshire County Council
Jake Morgan – Director of Community Services, Carmarthenshire county Council
James Tyler – User Representative, Pembrokeshire People First
Jill Paterson – Interim Director of Commissioning, Hywel Dda UHB
Jonathan Griffith – Head of Adult Care, Pembrokeshire County Council

A link to the Essentials of the Social Services Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014. Click on the Care and Support Graphic above.



SCiP

The Social Care in Partnership (SCiP) Conference 2017 was held in Parc y Scarlets, on 30 March 2017. Please follow the link for copies of the slide presentations used by the various speakers on the day.
<http://www.wwcp.org.uk/scip-conference-30-march-2017/>.

Karen Chandler - Chief Officer, Pembrokeshire People First
Kim Neyland – Regional Programme and Business Manager,
West Wales Care partnership
Martyn Palfreman – Head of Regional Collaboration, West
Wales Care partnership
Martyn Pengilley – General Public Representative, Care
Council for Wales
Melanie Minty – Policy Adviser, South West and South East
Wales Care Forum Wales,
Steven Griffiths – Carer Representative
Sue Leonard - Chief Officer, Pembrokeshire Association of
Voluntary Services



Welsh Community Care
Information Systems
(WCCIS). Click on
the graphic above to access
the website.

Tracey Price – Director, Mind Pembrokeshire future editions
of this newsletter RPB members will give their personal
perspectives on the work of the Partnership.

Regional Priorities

The RPB has identified 5 strategic priorities and ‘pace setter’
agencies which will lead on implementation for the region.
These are as follows:

- 1. Integrated commissioning** (focusing on older adults
services): (Pace setter: Pembrokeshire County Council)
- 2. Pooled funds:** (Pace setter: Carmarthenshire County
Council)
- 3. Remodelling mental health and learning disability
services:** (Pace setter: Hywel Dda University Health Board)
- 4. Information, Advice and Assistance:** (Pace setter:
Pembrokeshire County Council)
- 5. Implementation of the Welsh Community Care
Information System (WCCIS)** (Pace setter: Ceredigion
County Council)

Future editions of the Newsletter will include more detailed
information on how these priorities are being taken forward.

Population Assessment

Part 2 of the Act requires RPBs to undertake a
comprehensive assessment of care and support needs within
their area on a 5 year cycle. The first Population Assessment
has to be published by 31 March this year. Undertaking the
Population Assessment has been a key focus for the RPB
over recent months. In keeping with the requirements of the
Act, the Assessment provides an analysis of:

- The need for care and support and support needs of carers in West Wales
- The range and level of services, including preventative services, needed to meet those needs
- The extent to which those needs are being met and where improvements are needed
- How services are and will be delivered through the medium of Welsh

Representatives of the partner agencies worked collaboratively over the summer and autumn of 2016 to conduct the Assessment, which looks at the needs of different groups within the community including carers, children and young people, older people and people with learning disabilities and mental health problems. A range of data was used to inform the Assessment, alongside feedback from residents who responded to the Wellbeing Survey conducted over the summer of 2016 to meet the requirements of the Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015.

The Assessment highlights good practice in these areas but stresses the need for further radical change over the coming period to meet increased need for care and support at the same time as resources are diminishing. These changes will help ensure that the principles of the Act, such as helping people to help themselves and the importance of improved outcomes for individuals, are realised within our region.

The Population Assessment was approved by the RPB in December 2016 and went through a process of approval within each of the statutory partner agencies. It was published on 31 March and is available on the WWCP and partner websites.

An Area Plan setting out how the Partnership will address the issues highlighted within the Population Assessment has to be produced by 31 March 2018. Work is already underway to achieve this, and there will be further engagement with a range of stakeholders as development of the Plan progresses. Updates on this will be provided in future editions of the Newsletter.

Regional Collaboration Unit

The work of the RPB and the wider Partnership is supported by the Regional Collaboration Unit, which is hosted by Carmarthenshire County Council and led by Martyn Palfreman, Head of Regional Collaboration. For further information on any of the items included in this Newsletter and the work of the Partnership more generally please contact the Unit on 01267 228958
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What do you think?

Please let us have your views on this newsletter and ideas for items to be included in future editions. Your views and ideas can be sent to WWWBP@carmarthenshire.gov.uk



Care to Co-operate have published their newsletter

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