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**Carers’ Draft Delivery Plan 2018-19**

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| **Summary of report and key issues**   1. Carers is a cross-cutting priority of the RPB. 2. A Draft Carers’ Delivery Plan for 2018-19, addressing Welsh Government priorities and identified needs, has been developed by the regional Carers’ Development Group and is presented to the RPB for comment. 3. Over the coming months further engagement with stakeholders will be undertaken and a final Delivery Plan and supporting financial plan produced. 4. The final version of the Delivery Plan will be presented to the RPB for sign-off in April.   **Recommendations:**  That the RPB:   1. Notes and comments on the Draft Carers’ Delivery Plan 2. Agrees in principle to ICF funding being made available in 2018-19 to support programme coordination |

**Background**

1. The RPB has adopted Carers as one of its cross-cutting priorities in recognition of the prominence of this population group within the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act and their significant contribution as evidenced in the Population Assessment. Sarah Jennings is RPB sponsor for this area of work. A Regional Carers’ Development Group is in place with carers’ representatives from partner agencies, which reports regularly to the RPB.
2. 2017-18 is the second of a two-year transitional phase between the Carers Information and Consultation Strategies Measure 2010 and the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act. Transitional funding has been provided to support regional and local delivery programmes.

**Draft Carers Delivery Plan 2018-19**

1. A Draft Delivery Plan has been prepared by the Carers’ Development Group for 2018-19 and is attached as Appendix 1. This Plan:

* Addresses key requirements identified within the West Wales Population Assessment
* Responds to recently-announced Ministerial priorities for supporting carers
* Aligns with other RPB priorities and reflects high-level objectives within the Area Plan

1. Anticipated funding from Welsh Government, replacing the former transitional funding, is anticipated to be £115K. Additional resources will also be available through local authority and UHB core budgets. Carers is also a national priority area for the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) and the Board is requested to agree in principle to resources being made available through the ICF in 2018-19 to support programme coordination.
2. Following consideration of the Draft Delivery Plan by the RPB, a wider range of stakeholders will be engaged over the coming months and a final version of the Delivery Plan and full supporting financial plan produced. These will be presented to the RPB for agreement in April.