

WEST WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

18 JULY 2019, 10.30AM

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Minutes

Present

Cllr Jane Tremlett (CllrJT), Carmarthenshire County Council (Chair)
Cllr Tessa Hodgson (TH), Pembrokeshire County Council
Cllr Alun Williams, (CllrAW), Ceredigion County Council
Anna Bird (AB), Hywel Dda University Health Board
Neil Edwards (NE), Carmarthenshire CC
Judith Hardisty (JH), Hywel Dda University Health Board
Ros Jervis (RJ), Hywel Dda University Health Board
Hazel Lloyd-Lubran (HL), Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations
Jill Paterson (JP), Hywel Dda University Health Board
Donna Pritchard (DP), Ceredigion CC, Deputising for Carys James
Joanne Silverthorne (JS), Carer representative
Alan Thomas (AT), User representative
Cathryn Thomas (CT), Social Care Wales
Gaynor Toft (GT), Ceredigion CC
Ros Jervis (RJ), Hywel Dda University Health Board

Also in attendance:

Kim Neyland (KN), West Wales Care Partnership
Mark Llewellyn (ML), Welsh Institute for Social Care
Michael McClymont (MM), (Minutes), West Wales Care Partnership
Martyn Palfreman (MP), West Wales Care Partnership
Alice Woolley (AW), West Wales Care Partnership

Apologies

Margaret Allen (MA), Carer representative (Part)
Steven Griffiths (SG), Carer representative
Jonathan Griffiths (JG), Pembrokeshire County Council
Carys James (CJ), Ceredigion County Council
Sarah Jennings (SJ), Hywel Dda University Health Board
Melanie Minty (MM), Care Forum Wales
Jake Morgan (JM), Carmarthenshire County Council

Gareth Morgans (GM), Carmarthenshire CC
Jonathan Morgan (JM), Carmarthenshire CC
James Tyler (JT), User representative
Karen Chandler (KC), Pembrokeshire People First

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting. Round table introductions followed.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted.

3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 25 March 2019 and Matters Arising

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

Item 3: Regional PSB/RPB meeting 7 June 2019

MP provided feedback on the second regional meeting of the three Public Services Boards (PSBs) and RPB which had taken place in Carmarthen. The meeting had also been attended by representatives of Powys RPB and PSB. The focus had been on exploring areas of shared interest across the RPB and PSB programmes (for example prevention and developing community resilience) and identifying potential areas for joint working. 'Global' issues such as procurement and environmental impact of services were also potential areas for joint working. Such an approach was being actively encouraged by Welsh Ministers and the Future Generations Commissioner. Worked-up proposals would be brought for consideration by the RPB at its September meeting. **ACTION: MP**

The following points were also noted in relation to specific items within the minutes:

Item 3: Appointment of Housing and education representatives

MP advised that discussions were ongoing with Community Housing Cymru, the national umbrella body for Registered Social Landlords regarding appointment of a representative to the RPB. They had agreed to identify a representative and had also offered to work with the West Wales Board and other RPBs to optimise their input and added value moving forward.

Item 3: Regional Leadership Group

MP advised that an initial meeting would be scheduled for the autumn.

Item 8: Support and engagement of user/carer representatives

MP advised that there would be further discussion between statutory partners and that a response would be brought back to the RPB in due course. **ACTION: MP**

4. Feedback from meeting between Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services and RPB Chairs, 3 July 2019

MP reported that he had accompanied CllrJT to the latest meeting between the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services, Welsh Government officials and Chairs of Regional Partnership Boards.

A core emphasis of the discussion with the Deputy Minister was in relation to children's services and looked after children. Welsh Government was clearly keen to raise the prominence of the children's agenda on RPBs, to redress what was seen as a concentration on older adults in regional programmes. Examples of notable and successful partnership working on children's services in West Wales had been shared at the meeting, along with proposals to establish a regional children's services group as part of the revised regional partnership structure.

AT stressed the importance of transition between adults and children as part of this and it was confirmed that this would be a priority for consideration of the new children's services group.

The meeting with the Deputy Minister had also involved discussions on the following issues:

- *Requirements for pooled funds for care homes:* Welsh Government's expectations clearly remained that physical pooled funds would be established as required under regulations. KPMG consultants had been appointed by Welsh Government to review arrangements in place in each region and fieldwork was expected to commence over the summer.
- *Wales Audit Office Review of ICF:* Welsh Government had advised that the review, in which RPB members had participated during 2018, would be published imminently. (It was noted that the report had been published on 18 July). It was expected that the report would contain recommendations for improvement in relation to oversight of ICF by RPBs and challenges in relation to evidencing impact of funded programmes and mainstreaming those that were seen to be successful.
- *Joint inspection of partnership arrangements and integrated delivery models:* Welsh Government had advised on work being undertaken by a stakeholder group on the development of a framework for this, reflecting a commitment within 'A Healthier Wales'. There would be a strong emphasis on self-assessment by regional partnerships. Initial proposals regarding the framework would be consulted upon in the autumn. It was noted that this work needed to align with the outcomes of the review of strategic partnerships currently being undertaken by the Welsh Local Government Association.

5. Independent evaluation of the implementation of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act

Mark Llewellyn (MLI) from the Welsh Institute for Health and Social Care attended for the item and provided an overview of the independent evaluation of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act which had been commissioned by Welsh Government. This would be delivered by a consortium comprising the University of South Wales, Swansea University, Bangor University and Cardiff University and would assess the impact of the Act on individuals, families and carers, communities, workers and organisations. The evaluation would last for an expected three years from November 2018 (with possible extension to five years) and would be undertaken through the prism of five principles which underpinned the Act, namely voice and control, well-being, co-production, multi-agency working, and prevention and early intervention. Three core questions would be asked in relation to these:

- To what extent have meaningful and evaluable principles been articulated?
- If principles have been articulated, to what extent and in what ways are they being adhered to in practice?
- If adhered to, to what extent and in what ways are the principles leading to the desired results

The academic team was being supported and challenged by a Study Expert Reference Group, who would be using the principles of co-production to work with the academics and expert advisers.

During resulting discussion, a number of issues were raised, including:

- Need for clarity and consensus over core principles such as prevention in order to effectively assess impact
- The need for regular feedback of information and emerging themes to a range of stakeholders to enable validation and challenge of findings
- The need to consider the impact of other legislation and policy and to consider the whole 'system', including primary care. It was acknowledged that direct causality of change and improvement would be difficult to identify
- The need to align work with forthcoming inspection of partnership working and integrated models

MLI thanked RPB members for their feedback at this stage and it was agreed that it would be helpful to maintain a conversation with the Board over the duration of the evaluation. **ACTION: MP**

6. A Healthier West Wales Transformation Programme update

MP provided an update on progress in relation to the approved programmes and further advised on changes to regional governance to provide optimum assurance around delivery. The Board was informed that a separate bid for funding to establish a regional Research, Innovation and Improvement Hub had been submitted and was currently being considered by Welsh Government. This

would provide an invaluable resource in sharing effective practice from across the region, UK and beyond to inform transformation and ensuring that research informed new developments. Finally, MP advised that an external evaluation of the funded programmes would be commissioned shortly.

A further update would be provided at the next meeting. **ACTION: MP**

7. Out of county placements

Following discussion at the March meeting of the RPB, MP introduced a preliminary paper produced at the request of CllrAW, setting out the extent of out of county placements across the region for both adults and children and identifying key initiatives across the region designed to address the issue and reduce the number. The initial focus was on care homes, with an intention to broaden the analysis out to other placements over time. This would provide the basis for discussion by the RPB on a regular basis, in terms both of trends and impact of remedial measures. It was agreed that the RPB's role in supporting improvements in this area was an important one. The report was welcomed and noted.

8. Integrated Care Fund 2019-20 Update

KM provided an overview of the current (end of Quarter 1) reported revenue spend within the ICF programme, which would be reported to Welsh Government shortly. This stood at £899,810.79, representing 7.86% of the 2019/20 revenue budget. The RPB was advised that this was unlikely to represent the total spend, as additional costs were likely to have been incurred but not claimed from Hywel Dda UHB which holds the ICF allocation. Colleagues were working to improve the timeliness of claims. In view of this full spend of the regional allocation was anticipated by year end.

Highlights of the revenue and Capital programmes were provided, with KN noting in particular the range of innovative programmes across different population groups and the active contribution of citizens and third sector organisations in the development and delivery of projects. An example was the development of the Learning Disabilities Charter, which would be launched at the Pembrokeshire County Show in August by the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services.

KN invited members to contact her directly for further information on the revenue and Capital programmes.

9. End of Year Presentation from Graduate Trainee, West Wales Care Partnership

MP introduced the item, advising the RPB that the West Wales Care Partnership was fortunate to be involved in an all-Wales graduate programme run by Academi Wales. Alice Woolley (AW) had been placed in the Regional Collaboration since August 2018 and would be replaced by a second trainee in August 2019. Her contribution to the work of the partnership had been considerable. Trainees were required to present to

senior colleagues on their experience at the end of their placements and it had been agreed that AW would present to the RPB. Two representatives of Academi Wales were present to observe the item.

In her presentation AW provided further information on the graduate programme and the areas she had focused on within her initial placement with the WWCP. These had included key RPB priority areas and were as follows:

- Developing a regional advocacy service
- Establishing a regional innovation (provider) forum
- Supporting the work of unpaid carers in the region
- Future workforce planning and encouraging people to work within the care sector

Her impression at the end of 12 months was that the work of the WCCP was both diverse and transformational. She had been impressed with the commitment across partners to improve and integrate in spite of considerable challenges including organisational and political differences, geography and communication.

She has been impressed with information, knowledge and work ethics that the small team has. The work is not without its challenges - Organisational barriers, governance, communications, political challenges and geographical diversities were just a few mentioned. She shared potential ways of overcoming such challenges and stated that the work she had been involved in had been both rewarding and a hugely valuable experience.

MP thanked AW for her significant contribution to the work of the Partnership and commended her for her professionalism and ability to influence a complex agenda in a positive way. He was joined by other members in congratulating AW on her contribution and encouraging her to consider working in this area following completion of her course. She was wished well for the future.

10. For information Items

RPB Annual Report [Link](#)

Carers Annual Report [Link](#)

WCVA report on third sector involvement in RPBs – attachment provided with papers

MP briefly outlined each of the above items and commended them for further reading by Board members. This was noted.

11. Next meeting: 19th September 2019, 10:30 Carmarthen

12. AOB

JH proposed that the Board membership be widened to include the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust representation because of its vital contribution to the Board's agenda. This was agreed and a formal invitation would be sent. **ACTION: MP**

The value of a detailed session of the RPB looking at the contribution of housing and education to its agenda, given the recent expansion of membership to include representatives of these areas, was discussed. It was agreed that this would be programmed for the autumn. **ACTION: MP**

CllrJT invited as many individuals as possible to support the LD Charter launch on 13 August 2019 at the Pembrokeshire County Show. JH advised that it was also being launched shortly within Hywel Dda UHB.

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