

WEST WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

22 OCTOBER 2021, 1.00PM

Via Teams

Agenda

Present:

Judith Hardisty (JH), Hywel Dda University Health Board (Chair)
Alan Thomas (AT), Service User Representative
Jill Paterson (JP), Hywel Dda University Health Board
Cathryn Thomas (CT), Social Care Wales
Hazel Lloyd-lubran (HLL), Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations
Jake Morgan (JM), Carmarthenshire County Council
James Tyler (JT), Service user Representative
Jonathan Griffiths (JG), Pembrokeshire County Council
Anna Bird (AB), Hywel Dda University Health Board
Jonathan Morgan (JM), Carmarthenshire County Council
Estelle Hitchon (EH), Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust
Malcolm Perrett (MP), Care Forum Wales
Sian Howys (SiH), Ceredigion County Council
Cllr Tessa Hodgson (CllrTH) Pembrokeshire County Council
Cllr. Gareth John (CllrGJ), Hywel Dda University Health Board
Hilary Jones (HJ), Bro Myrddin Housing Association

Also in attendance:

Sally Holland (SH), Children's Commissioner for Wales (Part)
Kirrin Davidson (KD), Policy Lead (Part)
Rachel Thomas (RT), Policy Lead
Darren Mutter (DM), Pembrokeshire County Council (Part)
Stefan Smith (SS), Carmarthenshire County Council (Part)
Warren Lloyd (WL), Hywel Dda University Health Board (Part)
Angela Lodwick (AL), Hywel Dda University Health Board (Part)
Liz Carroll (LC), Hywel Dda University Health Board (Part)
Sarah J Bolton (SB), Carmarthenshire County Council
Martyn Palfreman (MJP), West Wales Care Partnership
Kim Neyland (KN), West Wales Care Partnership
Jessica Rees (JR), West Wales Care Partnership (Minutes)
Kevin Pett (KP), West Wales Care Partnership

Apologies

Cllr Jane Tremlett (CllrJT), Carmarthenshire County Council
Karen Chandler (KC) Pembrokeshire People's First
Donna Pritchard (DP), Ceredigion County Council
Gareth Morgan (GM), Carmarthenshire County Council
Cllr Alun Williams (CllrAW), Ceredigion County Council

1. Chair's welcome

The Chair Judith Hardisty welcomed attendees to the meeting and welcomed the Children's Commissioner Sally Holland and team to today's West Wales Regional Partnership Board meeting.

2. Apologies

These were noted.

3. Children and Young People: Update on Progress on 'No Wrong Door' Recommendations: *Children's Commissioner for Wales in attendance for this item*

JH invited the Children's commissioner to present this item.

The Commissioner, SH advised that a follow up progress report on No Wrong Door will be published in the new year, once all regions have been visited, with West Wales being the 4th out of 7 Regional Partnership Board meetings she is attending. SH welcomed the region's response and commitment to No Wrong Door, stating it would be good to establish the progress made on the plans since the detailed response was submitted, whilst recognising that the Covid pandemic was a key barrier to progress. SH advised that a panel session is to be held on the 30th November with chairs of RPBs along with children and young people and that today's discussion would be split into 3 sections.

The 1st section of session then commenced around the structural workings of the Regional Partnership Board.

SH requested more information around the setting up of the Regional Children and Young People's board, how it works and how it is driving innovation through regional integration; clarity on the lead taken by the RPB and how the RPB mechanism adds value.

JG responded initially to the question and reiterated that the RPB is driving integration across the regional footprint, with comprehensive representation in the Regional and Children and Young People's group driving the ongoing work. Whilst RPB's have been driven primarily by significant funding streams, the transformation agenda is focussing on improving outcomes, with the White Paper influencing how the RPB will function moving forward, including consideration of how children can feed into workstreams for continuous engagement. JM stated that the Children's agenda within RPB is relatively new and integration is evolving, with the geography of the region impacting on service integration and centralisation. JM advised that a lot of collaborative work is driven through the Regional Safeguarding Board and that the Regional Complex Needs panel is a function able to provide a joint response to the complex cases in the region. SH advised she completely understood the geographical challenges of the region. MP stated that regional collaboration has developed considerably since the commissioners visit almost 2 years ago.

DM explained that the collaboration has been driven by individual leaders on the RPB as the Regional Childrens group is still in its informative stages but as the group develops it will increase its oversight. SS stated there are other mechanisms for regional collaboration such as the safeguarding board and the RPB shouldn't be seen as the only vehicle driving

regional collaboration. SH agreed the importance of sharing good practice shouldn't be underestimated and attendees agreed that sharing elements of good practice across Wales would be welcomed in the future.

DM explained that governance of the Regional Complex Needs Panel doesn't affect the ability of individual organisations to make decisions. He confirmed the panel have come together to develop a Terms of Reference and undertaken a commissioning exercise, with the aim to improve regional intelligence around providers and pool the regions commissioning expertise. SH stated there needs to be clarity on the idea of the added value of the panel. SS explained that close working has been undertaken with the 4 Cs as there is a need to ensure the information and data provided is shared internally and externally. There was a query over comparatively high demand for adult mental health crisis beds. WL stated that as there were 2 crisis beds in Hywel Dda currently, there are challenges in finding alternative provision and crisis are managed in the best way possible, as there are challenges across the UK in accessing tier 4 beds. Due to a growth in demand, plans for children who need longer term care is an area of development, to compliment the trauma informed model to avoid escalation currently being developed and implemented. The Commissioner stated she was pleased to see Pembrokeshire reviewing their emotional Mental Health Services and asked to keep updated on this. DM advised that a project manager post is out to advert to take forward the development of the action plan.

Attendees were advised that West Glamorgan are due to sign off their learning disability transitions protocol shortly, so the region could take some pointers from this. SS advised that there is a 0-25 learning disability team in place providing support in Carmarthenshire. DM advised that Pembrokeshire plans to embed the Carmarthenshire approach into Pembrokeshire services by the end of next year. SiH advised services are under review in Ceredigion and moving in the same direction to include multidisciplinary elements.

Members welcomed the CAHMS crisis team to moving to 24 hours from January but queried whether the plans meet the needs of young people. AL responded that there is active work ongoing in the Children and Young people's group and a review of psychology services being undertaken shortly. Discussions on funding models are at the early stages therefore, commitment from the RPB to sustain the model and ensure funding is disseminated between all partners in future is important.

The commissioner thanked the board for their time today and looked forward to hearing the region's next steps.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 July 2021, actions and matters arising

The minutes were agreed as accurate record of the meeting.

MJP updated on progress of actions from the last meeting within the action table attached below.

JH advised that Joanne Silverthorne has resigned from the RPB and offered her thanks on behalf of members for Joanne's contribution to the RPB and confirmed replacement user and carer representatives and autism champion would be appointed.

5. System Pressures and Partnership Response

The chair introduced JP to present on the item. JP advised that 210 individuals are waiting for domiciliary care currently, with challenges being experienced through the front door and the back door of hospitals. Work is currently being undertaken with primary care and the 3rd sector to try and prevent the need in the first instance. The former IEG meeting has reverted to the Health and Social Care Tactical Response Group to try and address the issues being faced. A press statement has been released outlining the challenges currently and the region is continuing to put pressure on Welsh Government. There is a continued expectation that the impact can be evidenced.

JM explained that in the last 2/3 months there has been an unprecedented rise in demand and complexity from people who have been waiting for community services to reopen, combined with an unprecedented workforce crisis however, the 3 counties are working on harmonising pay and conditions, with an announcement expected imminently.

JG stated future requirements of the workforce need to be considered, to identify the fundamental changes needed. A Workforce survey has been undertaken to understand why the workforce values its roles, why individuals leave the sector or are reluctant to join. The outcome from which, will feed into the national agenda on system pressures. Meetings are also currently being undertaken with providers in the sector to try and find solutions to the challenges.

JH stated that unpaid carers are managing much of the impact from this, with no mention of providing any additional support for them, apart from an uplift in winter pressures funding that could give scope to provide respite support for unpaid carers.

JP advised that staff have worked tirelessly, with providers putting in a lot of support for care homes and domiciliary carers and there are ongoing forums that provide opportunities for ongoing dialogue.

HLL stated she would be keen to get some insight from other areas to see how the 3rd sector can provide support and to involve the wider third sector in discussions to provide long term solutions. HLL also explained that there is funding available to be used by the end of March 2022, which could provide an excellent opportunity along with a challenge due to timeframes. Details on the funding have been received and a meeting will be held between 3rd sector organisations to consider a regional proposal, with potential to bring groups together to consider possible solutions as a positive first step.

JH requested members note the content of the paper.

6. Policy update and future funding

The paper circulated to members provides two key area updates. MJP advised that we are still awaiting the proposed next steps from Welsh Government on the white paper and should receive communication shortly. MJP advised that on Future funding the Minister has confirmed there will be funding for a 5-year period from April 2022. Weekly conversations with Welsh Government to coproduce the structure and guidance of the fund are ongoing, with the expectation that any future allocation will need a level of match funding from partners.

JG explained that there is a lot of work to undertake on the outcomes of the white paper regarding budget setting and future challenges to setting the budget and there is a lot of

work going on nationally around this with long term budget discussions currently under way.

CllrGJ queried whether there are any discussions around pooled funding. MJP responded that Welsh Government are talking about what happens at the end of funded projects and there will be clear advice between now and the next meeting, but assured CllrGJ that pooled funds are still in discussion. A query was raised also regarding any evidence or data from the virtual pooled fund. MJP responded that reports are sent to the Integrated Executive Group on a quarterly basis and will be provided to the RPB in future.

HLL stated that solutions around 3rd sector match funding need to be creative and priority should be given to aligning programmes of work and shifting capacity from the work currently underway to projects we are trying to undertake, to reflect our commitment to partners. Partners will need to move very quickly and make tough decisions together through the Integrated Executive Group and Healthier West Wales board. HLL queried whether it would be beneficial to bring a task group together to oversee this progress. MJP advised that the first phase of discussions around the future programme have started, and it is on the agenda for the next Healthier West Wales board meeting.

JH requested members note the content of the paper.

7. Population Assessment and Market Stability Report: Update

KP provided a brief update on the huge amount of work currently being undertaken by partners and Trittech to this date to produce the Population Assessment and Market Stability Report. KN advised that the WWCP is intending to bring the PNA and MSR to an extraordinary meeting of the RPB in early December and will be canvassing for dates shortly.

8. Transformation Fund Update

MJP provided a brief update around the 3 Transformation Fund programmes. Members were advised that Programme 7 have commissioned consultants to work on the continuous engagement framework. HLL stated she viewed the framework as a coproduction approach and tool for services and people.

CllrGJ queried whether there is progress being made across the 3 counties on an equal basis. HLL responded there is in various degrees and the programme has taken a strong regional approach and making sure our partners in Public Service Boards are also involved in the work.

JH requested members to note progress. Report on the scaling fund will be brought to a future meeting.

9. Integrated Care Fund Update

KN updated that plans are already in place for slippage and underspend to the end of the financial year. Members were advised that there will be additional capacity within the team shortly to address the ICF Capital and Children's element of the programme. KN advised she will also be attending the WG future funding meetings until MJP's replacement is appointed.

A brief updated was provided on the ICF capital programme. The programme is broadly on track and a meeting with the leads will be held at the beginning of November to update on progress.

JH requested members note the report and endorse quarter 2 returns.

10. RPB Forward Plan

An update will be brought to the next meeting.

11. Date of next meeting

20 January 2022, 1.00PM

12. Any Other Business (Agreed in advance)

The chair offered her thanks on behalf of the board to MJM for everything he has achieved during his tenure, as it was his last RPB meeting. JM also offered his thanks and appreciation for all the work undertaken over the years and wished him well in the future.

WEST WALES RPB: ACTIONS OCTOBER 2021

ID	Action	Lead	Timescale	Progress	Status
03/21/3	Bring updated manifesto to RPB for sign-off	MJP	July 2021	March 2022	
07/21/1	Progress discussions with Older People's Commissioner's Office re attendance at October meeting	MJP	Sep 2021	Deferred to January 2022 meeting	
07/21/2	Circulate ORS Evaluation Report on HWW programme	MJP	Aug 2021	Complete	
07/21/3	Share mapping of funded projects at next meeting	MJP	Oct 2021	To be circulated	
07/21/4	Identify senior HDUHB representative for ICF Capital Group	EL	Aug 2021	To be determined	
07/21/5	Draft principles and process paper for regional partnership review	MJP	Sep 2021	Paper drafted for initial consideration by IEG	
07/21/6	Provide updates on successor funding proposals	MJP	From Aug 2021	On agenda	
07/21/7	System pressures -plans and updates to be provided to RPB members	IEG	From Aug 2021	On agenda	