

WEST WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

20 January 2022, 1.00PM

Via Teams

Minutes

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
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
Cllr Jane Tremlett (CllrJT), Carmarthenshire County Council
Donna Pritchard (DP), 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
Cllr Alun Williams (CllrAW), Ceredigion County Council
Gareth Morgan (GM), Carmarthenshire County Council

Also in attendance:

Darren Mutter (DM), Pembrokeshire County Council (Part)
Sarah J Bolton (SB), Carmarthenshire County Council
Kelvin Barlow (KB), 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
Rebecca Jones (RJ), West Wales Care Partnership

Apologies

Karen Chandler (KC) Pembrokeshire People's First
James Tyler (JT), Service user Representative
Sian Howys (SiH), Ceredigion County Council
Jonathan Griffiths (JG), Pembrokeshire County Council

1. Chair's welcome

The Chair Judith Hardisty welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2. Apologies

These were noted.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 22nd October 2021 and actions

The minutes were agreed as an accurate recording of the meeting.

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

4. Children's board

The chair introduced SB who provided a summary of the report circulated within the agenda bundle around the Regional Children and Young People's board. DM was then introduced to provide an update on the Safe Accommodation project.

JM stated that the whole system has failed to manage children and we are the only region in Wales trying to bring change within the system. JM expressed that the project is an exciting development for the region and is a resource that is needed.

CLLJT reiterated that this is really important for the region; however, will we have enough capacity to do this? we must also look at why we closed children's homes in the first place. DM provided response that we have to start somewhere, and this isn't the only residential unit Pembrokeshire are looking to develop currently and capacity will come with the development of the units.

CLLJG queried what the thinking is behind the project and what are the numbers involved but stated it would be beneficial to have a specialist regional centre. JM responded that from a Carmarthenshire perspective we are looking at 3-4 children at any one time. The aim of the provision is to step children back down into a family setting.

The chair thanked SB and DM for presenting on today's item.

5. Carers: Update

The chair introduced AB who advised that members have received a copy of the biannual report submitted to Welsh Government regarding unpaid carers. AB then highlighted the key points from the report. Members were advised that expenditure plans are agreed via the West Wales Carers development group for endorsement by RPB.

The report shows that in the first 6 months 1,575 carers were actively supported and the pandemic has shown a significant increase in carers coming forward and self-identifying. AB advised that communication has been received from Welsh Government around the future of the £1 million of funding for carers and that the funding will be coming into the RPB as part of the RIF funding. Members were assured that this will be a separate fund and the intention is to have a single focus for the use of the funding which will build on work that has already been undertaken.

HLL queried whether this reflected what carers want and need from the funding as this is the opposite of coproduction, as this is determining where the funding is going. This should be a funding stream that supports all the priorities within the National and Regional carers strategy.

RPB is asked to note the report and services commissioned.

6. Workforce: Update

The chair introduced RJ to provide an update on workforce in Adult care Domiciliary following Octobers RPB meeting and the Regional Workforce Programme Board.

AW asked for more information on international recruitment. RJ responded. The problem we have in domiciliary care is the huge rise in need so it would be helpful to see the timescale for this work. There is a demand for coming into the service via apprenticeships schemes in Hywel Dda so it would be beneficial to look at replicating this across health and social care.

EH wondered whether we need to reconsider how we work with young people and, crucially, their parents to present careers an employment in social care in a positive way. It is a really challenging sell for some, but access to career and training pathways and their promotion may be things that will have a positive influence.

KN stated that at the Regional and Skills Partnership, this is something that has been identified as a priority for the Learning and Skills Strategy, so it was good to her RJ reference that they sit on the Workforce Group, as they are working quite closely with education providers and learners to influence skills and development towards regional needs and gaps in provision.

CllrGJ queried the membership of the Regional Workforce Board and also what is being proposed next for Pay and rewards? RJ responded that there was an action from IEG for each Local Authority director to look at their individual pay and reward schemes. Living wage is impacting on 30/40% of care home workers with them receiving at extra 30p and hour which isn't a significant rise. Contracts are offering a minimum of 12 hours a week and are paying significantly more than the national living wage. There is also little to no difference between LA and Health board pay.

MP agreed that the terms are important but its conditions that stop people entering the sectors.

CllrGJ asked whether the regional workforce board will feed into the RPB as we need to raise the profile of this work across Health and Social Care. RJ stated she will feed back that the region wants to drive this work. We need to get this right across the region.

7. Regional Integration Fund (RIF) and Governance: Update

KB took members through a brief presentation on the key elements of the Regional Integration Fund. There is a total allocation of £18.5 million which is the same as previous years but Welsh Government are still deciding which funding is coming through the RIF. The RIF would have to contribute to 6 areas/models of care. KB advised he will be bringing updates to each RPB meeting.

Board is asked to note the updates.

8. Market Stability Report and Population Assessment: Update

KP advised the original intention was to bring the final Market Stability Report to today's RPB but there has been a slight delay. The paper will be brought to an extraordinary meeting of the RPB shortly.

KN advised that the Population Needs Assess is in a similar position to the MSR. It has been identified that the current 155 pages of the document needs to be streamlined. KN advised she is engaging with partners currently on how this can be edited the next key task will then be to look at the cross-cutting themes. The timetable for the MSR is set in legislation so there is little flexibility whereas the PNA needs to be refreshed in each cycle.

HLL stated we then convert some of the information into a work programme for the partnership needs to be looked at for the future agenda.

9. Integrated Care Fund: Update

KN provided a brief update on ICF. There is an evidenced spend that is lower than what we would normally expect this time of year, but this is caused by an invoicing lagged. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

10. Date of next meeting 23rd March 2022 1pm

Members raised that this date could be an issue due to purdah so we will need to look at changing the date.

11. Any Other Business (Agreed in advance)

KB raised that there are a few gaps in the Regional Partnership Board membership that need to be advised over the coming months and wanted to advise that this process will be starting shortly.

WEST WALES RPB: ACTIONS January 2021

ID	Action	Lead	Timescale	Progress	Status
03/21/3	Bring updated manifesto to RPB for sign-off	KB	July 2021	March 2022	
07/21/1	Progress discussions with Older People's Commissioner's Office re attendance at October meeting	KB	Sep 2021	Deferred to January 2022 meeting	

ID	Action	Lead	Timescale	Progress	Status
07/21/2	Circulate ORS Evaluation Report on HWW programme	KB	Aug 2021	Complete	
07/21/3	Share mapping of funded projects at next meeting	KB	Oct 2021	To be circulated	
07/21/4	Identify senior HDUHB representative for ICF Capital Group	EL	Aug 2021	Complete	
07/21/5	Draft principles and process paper for regional partnership review	KB	Sep 2021	Paper drafted for initial consideration by IEG	
07/21/6	Provide updates on successor funding proposals	KB	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	