

WEST WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

8 NOVEMBER 2018, 2.00PM

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Minutes

Present

Jake Morgan (JM), Carmarthenshire County Council
Cllr Jane Tremlett (CllrJT), Carmarthenshire County Council
Cllr Tessa Hodgson (TH), Pembrokeshire County Council
Cllr Alun Williams, (CllrAW), Ceredigion County Council
Hazel Lloyd-Lubran (HL), Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations (CAVO)
Judith Hardisty (JH), Hywel Dda University Health Board
Sarah Jennings (SJ), Hywel Dda University Health Board
Margaret Allen (MA), Carer representative (Part)
Cathryn Thomas (CT), Social Care Wales (Part)
Joanne Silverthorne (JS), Carer representative
Steven Griffiths (SG), Carer representative
Anna Henchie (AH), Ceredigion County Council

Also in attendance:

Chris Harrison (CH), Pembrokeshire County Council
Kim Neyland (KN), West Wales Care Partnership
Martyn Palfreman (MP), West Wales Care Partnership
Michael McClymont (MM), (Minutes), West Wales Care Partnership
Alice Woolley (AW), West Wales Care Partnership
Sara Harvey (SW), Welsh Local Government Association (Part)
Jenny Wombell, Hywel Dda University Health Board (Part)
Frances Rees (FR), Welsh Local Government Association (Part)
Anne Began (AB), Wales Audit Office (Part)
Philippa Fido (PF), Wales Audit Office (Part)

Apologies

Jonathan Griffiths (JG), Pembrokeshire County Council
Jill Paterson (JP), Hywel Dda University Health Board (Part)
Carys James (CJ), Ceredigion County Council (Part)
Alan Thomas (AT), User representative
James Tyler (JT), User representative
Melanie Minty (MM), Care Forum Wales (Part)

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting. Round table introductions followed. JH shared the news that the Transforming Mental Health team at Hywel Dda University Health Board, was given the award for 'Psychiatric Team of the Year: Outstanding commitment to sustainable service development', at the annual Royal College of Psychiatrists (RCPsych) Awards on 7 November 2018 in London. The Chair congratulated everyone involved in Hywel Dda UHB on behalf of the RPB.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted.

3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 7 June 2018 and Matters Arising

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the previous meeting.

Matters arising:

Item 5: Amendments to Partnership Regulations under Part 9 of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act: Welsh Government Consultation

MP confirmed that a formal consultation response had been submitted on behalf of the RPB which reflected discussion at the previous meeting. Key points in the response included:

- Continued concerns over the deliverability and benefits of physical pooled funds and the associated risks of cross-subsidy. MJP advised that conversations with Welsh Government on this matter were ongoing and that the RPB would continue to be updated as these progressed
- Support for housing representation on the RPB but concern that the requirement for 2 RSLs to be represented in terms of proportionality and potential conflict of interest
- Support for the extension of the deadline for the production of annual reports from March to June, were welcomed.
- Support for the idea of Joint commissioning strategies, which would enable better deployment of resources across the region and help to promote the delivery of services through the medium of Welsh

MP further advised that the response had also requested (1) inclusion in the amended regulations of a refreshed definition of the role of the RPB in the light of A Healthier Wales and the increased pressure for formalised links with PSBs and (2) clarification of the RPB's role in relation to operational delivery of Integrated Family Support Services (IFSS).

Item 9: Rotation of RPB meetings

MP reported that, following discussion at the previous meeting, options for holding meetings centrally within the region (for example in the vicinity of Narberth) had

been explored but were not recommended due to cost. CllrAW suggested rotating the meetings around the region with venues provided by local authorities. This was agreed in principle and the Regional Collaboration Unit was tasked with developing a proposal on this basis for consideration at the next meeting. **ACTION: MP**

Letter from the Future Generations commissioner for Wales and children's Commissioner for Wales

A response to the recent correspondence from the Commissioners had been submitted and a copy was included with the papers. MP advised that conversations with PSBs were progressing and that the transformation proposals provided a number of opportunities for increased joint working over the coming period.

4. Feedback from Ministerial meeting with RPB Chairs 25 October 2018.

MP shared that he and CllrJT had attended the latest in a series of regular meetings between RPB chairs and the Minister for Children, Older People and Social Care on 25 October. The Minister had emphasised the important role of RPBs and had mentioned the need for a rebalancing of regional programmes to ensure appropriate focus on children's services. He had indicated his intention to ring-fence a significant element of the additional £30 million earmarked for RPBs in 2019-20 to support the integration and transformation of children's services, particularly for children on the edge of care, through appropriate therapeutic interventions. The Minister had briefly mentioned his continued desire to see physical pooled funds in place for care homes and other services. Later in the meeting officials had presented the recent consultation exercise on the draft strategy on loneliness and isolation to which MP suggested the RPB might want to submit a response. A link to the strategy would be sent for members to access the document. **ACTION: MP**

5. A Healthier West Wales Transformation Proposal

MP provided a presentation updating the RPB on progress in developing a regional bid for funding through the national Transformation Fund announced in *A Healthier Wales*. The proposed bid set out a radical plan for change over the next 2 years and:

- Reflected the findings of the Parliamentary Review and the core aims of *A Healthier Wales*
- Adopted a through age-approach and the three stage preventative pathway contained within the Area Plan
- Built on a number of initiatives already being taken forward within the region
- Included programmes that were scalable across the region and, potentially, Wales
- Contained 4 strategic priorities: Improving lives through technology; Supporting change together; Strengthening our integrated localities; Connecting people, kind communities
- Included 8 programmes in support of the priorities

Members welcomed the proposals and a number of comments were made.

It was suggested that the proposed shared digital platform should draw on the experience of similar initiatives taken forward in different parts of England.

CT welcomed the proposals around workforce and referenced the work being undertaken by Social Care Wales (SCW) and Health Education Improvement Wales (HEIW) on the development of a national workforce strategy and supporting leadership programmes. She agreed to share details of the West Wales proposals and seek to facilitate joint working as appropriate **ACTION: CT**

MA asked for greater emphasis on carers in the proposals. CllrJT reaffirmed this, with reference to the importance attached to carers by the Minister. Assurance was given that many of the programmes would impact directly on carers, for example workforce development which would look to benefit informal carers alongside professionals, citizen engagement which would allow carers' voices to be heard and give them an opportunity to help shape services and social value aspects of the programme that would seek to empower carers further and help them develop bespoke user-led services.

The emphasis on technology was welcomed and several members expressed interest in the proactive model of technology-enabled care proposal. It was agreed to circulate further details about the model in place in Bilbao and to arrange for a fuller presentation at a future meeting. **ACTION: MP**

CllrAW suggested it might be helpful to explore models developed by the Innovate Trust in Cardiff that was using technology to support people with disabilities.

Following discussion, MP advised that comments from the RPB would be taken into account and the proposal finalised prior to submission to Welsh Government at the end of November.

6. Autism Spectrum Disorders: National update and Implementation of Integrated Autism Service in West Wales

CllrJT welcomed Sara Harvey (SH), National Strategic Lead for Autism, Jenny Wombell (JW), Team Leader for the West Wales Integrated Autism Service and Frances Rees (FR), Regional Autism Development Officer South West Wales, for this item.

SH thanked the board for the opportunity to discuss national developments in relation to autism and progress with establishing the Integrated Autism Service (IAS) in West Wales. She described the work of the national ASD Development Team within the Welsh Local Government Association and a range of initiatives being taken forward to raise awareness and support people with autism and their families. She referred to the Private Members' Autism (Wales) Bill currently being scrutinised by the National Assembly's Health, Social Care and Sports Committee which also focused on awareness raising and understanding the needs of people with autism.

The concept of a regional Autism Champion to support the work of the national team was shared. The value of such a role was acknowledged and JS was nominated to take on this role. This nomination was agreed. A suggested early priority for JS was to engage with the ASD Awareness initiative being progressed in Milford Haven. **ACTION: JS**

JW provided an overview of progress in relation to the establishment of the Integrated Autism Service (IAS) in West Wales. Recruitment to remaining posts was ongoing, with core team members in place and the aspiration was for others be in post by the end of the financial year. A revised ASD pathway had been developed and was being assessed across the three counties. An engagement event for families would take place shortly to provide information on the role of the IAS. SH recommended that as implementation progressed, note should be taken of the findings from an independent review of IAS already in place in Wales undertaken by People and Work Unit (Duncan Holtam) and that West Wales fully engage in a supplementary exercise commissioned to evaluate implementation in West Wales and Western Bay.

MP raised the issue of sustainability of the service beyond the guaranteed period of funding through ICF which would come to an end in March 2020. It was agreed that core budgets would need to be adjusted to ensure sustainability of the service beyond that date.

A further key risk was finding suitable accommodation for the team; this was being progressed within HDUHB as an urgent priority.

7. Integrated Care Fund

Quarter 2 report

KN provided an overview and the report was noted.

Wales Audit Office Review – regional findings

Anne Began (AB) and Philippa Fido (PF) were welcomed to the meeting for this item. They provided a recap of the aims of the national review of the ICF and the methodology that had been used in West Wales to gather evidence. A summary of the findings for the region would be incorporated into a national report which would be published in early 2019. The detailed recommendations were intended to inform improvement at a regional level and it was suggested that attention needed to focus on:

- Adopting a more regional approach to using ICF funding and ensure that projects support strategic objectives
- Aligning the use of ICF with other funding (e.g. Transformation, dementia, action plan funding core, etc.) to maximise their impact
- Establishing more effective links with all three Public Service Boards
- Ensuring fair access to ICF for the third sector
- Developing mechanisms for reporting back to individual organisations in a more consistent way

- If the current pilot was successful, rolling out the outcomes framework to all projects
- Developing exit strategies for all ICF projects
- Looking to share good practice within the region more clearly by involving / communicating with project leads
- Learning from good practice in other regions

CllrJT noted the low response rates to the survey undertaken as part of the review from RPB members and urged colleagues to respond to similar exercises in the future.

HL felt that the indicated allocation to the third sector misleading and did not reflect the true level of investment in the sector. PF advised the slide would not be included in the national report.

The impact of late confirmation of funding and delayed national guidance on the ability to optimise ICF funding was noted and members were advised that this had been raised formally with Welsh Government following previous discussions.

8. West Wales Area Plan progress Report

In view of the time, colleagues were invited to note the report and raise any issues directly with MP. **ACTION: All**

9. Next meeting

17 January 2019, Dyfed Powys Police HQ, Carmarthen, 2.00PM

10. Any Other Business

Meetings protocol for people with Learning Disabilities

KN provided an overview of the protocol and advised that users and carers were keen for it to be trialled at future RPB meetings. This was agreed. **ACTION: KN**