

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**DATE: 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017**

**SUBJECT:**

**PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS ESTABLISHED IN WEST WALES UNDER PART 9 OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING (WALES) ACT 2014 AND THE WEST WALES POPULATION ASSESSMENT**

**Purpose:**

To (1) provide information regarding the statutory requirements for partnership arrangements under Part 9 of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act (SSWBWA) and (2) request consideration of the West Wales Population Assessment in advance of endorsement by the Council.

**Executive Board Recommendations:**

1. That statutory requirements under Part 9 of the SSWBWA and partnership arrangements in place within West Wales to meet these requirements are noted.
2. That consideration is given to the contents of the West Wales population assessment prior to presentation for endorsement by the County Council on 8 March 2017

**Reasons:**

Carmarthenshire County Council is one of four statutory partners (with Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire County Councils and Hywel Dda University Health Board) required to establish partnership arrangements on LHB footprints under Part 9 of the SSWBWA. This report provides information on the partnership arrangements in place and initial strategic priorities.

Part 2 of the SSWBWA requires statutory partners to undertake a Population Assessment during each electoral cycle to identify the needs for care and support in the partnership area, support currently provided and areas for further development. The first Population Assessment must be published by 31 March 2017. The Assessment has been agreed by the statutory Regional Partnership Board and, in line with requirements of the Code of Practice, has to be endorsed by statutory partners prior to publication.

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee to be consulted:** YES – Joint Social Care & Health & Education & Children’s Services – 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

**Scrutiny Committee Recommendations/Comments:**  
UNANIMOUSLY RESOVLED that the report be received.

Exec Board Decision Required YES - 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

Council Decision Required YES – 8<sup>TH</sup> March, 2017

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

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Councillor Gareth Jones, Education & Children's Services

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
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The report provides information regarding the statutory requirements for partnership arrangements under Part 9 of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act (SSWBWA). These include the formation of Regional Partnership Boards (RPBs) on LHB footprints. RPBs must prioritise the integration of health and social care services and promote the establishment of pooled funds where appropriate to support integration.

The West Wales RPB has been established and comprises representatives of the four statutory agencies (Carmarthenshire County Council, Ceredigion County Council, Pembrokeshire County Council and Hywel Dda University Health Board), third and independent sectors and users and carers. The Board has agreed the following initial strategic priorities:

- Integrated commissioning
- Pooled funds
- Remodelling mental health and learning disability services
- Information, Advice and Assistance/ prevention
- Implementation of the Welsh Community Care Information System (WCCIS)

Activity in support of these priorities will be led by identified 'pace setter' agencies and be funded through the Welsh Government's Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) and Delivering Transformation Grant (DTG).

Under Part 2 of the SSWBWA statutory partners must publish a Population Assessment identifying the needs for care and support in the region, the levels of care and support currently provided and areas for improvement and development. A Population Assessment must be undertaken for each electoral cycle and the first one has to be published by 31 March 2017.

The statutory and other partners in the West Wales region have collaborated to produce the first Population Assessment for the region, which was agreed by the Regional Partnership Board on 15 December 2016. The statutory Code of Practice requires that the Assessment is endorsed by each of the statutory partners prior to publication. Accordingly, the Assessment will be taken through the full Councils of each local authority and the Health Board before 31 March 2017. Carmarthenshire County Council will be asked to endorse the Assessment at its meeting on 8 March 2017.

Key messages in the Assessment include:

- The vital contribution of carers in providing informal support, which reduces demand for long term care
- The need to further develop preventative approaches for children and young families to deliver positive outcomes and ensure support within a financially challenging climate
- The need for proactive programmes to address public health challenges such as smoking and obesity, to prevent escalation of conditions which may give rise to a need for care and support
- The existence of opportunities to further transform learning disability and mental health services, moving from institutional models of care to those which promote independence and support people in playing a full and active role in society
- The need to provide responsive services to a significantly increasing number of older people with complex needs across the region (the number of people over the age of 65 living in the region is expected to increase by 60% by 2015 and anticipated rise of 44% in the number of people with dementia in parts of the region over the same period)
- The need for an integrated, preventative approach to meeting the needs of people with a sensory impairment
- The emergence of opportunities for joined up approaches to address domestic and sexual violence introduced through the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and Violence Against Women, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Act 2015

A set of general recommendations are included in the overview section of the report which identify the need to:

- Ensure that maintaining people's dignity and protecting individuals from harm and neglect underpins the planning and delivery of services
- Involve people meaningfully at all stages in the planning, delivery and review of services
- Ensure services are available in Welsh
- Develop a consistent approach to prevention across services
- Ensure that the needs of carers are taken into account when designing and delivering services
- Promote radical change to meet the demands and expectations of people needing care and support and reflect the ambitions of the Act
- Develop an integrated approach to commissioning and pool funds where appropriate to support seamless delivery
- Work in partnership to address challenges presented by the rural nature of the region

An Executive Summary is included in the Report and a Welsh language version of the Assessment is being prepared.

Under Section 14A of the SSWBWA partners are required to develop an Area Plan addressing the areas for improvement identified within the Population Assessment. The first Area Plan must be produced by April 2018.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?**

**YES**

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: **Martyn Palfreman**

**Head of Regional Collaboration**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Delivery of Partnership priorities will contribute to the achievement of the objective within the Council's improvement plan that people in Carmarthenshire are healthier. The Area Plan which will be produced in response to the Assessment will link with the actions required under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act.

Delivery of services in Welsh for those who require them is an identified priority within the Assessment and the Area Plan will include improvements in this area.

The needs of minority and marginalised groups have been considered in the Assessment and a high level Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken to support the Assessment. The Area Plan will be supported by a full Equalities Impact Assessment.

## 2. Legal

The report sets out statutory requirements under the SSWBWA, under which regional partnership arrangements have been established and the Population Assessment has been undertaken.

### 3. Finance

Delivery of the RPB's priorities and actions required to address the findings of the Population Assessment (and included in the Area Plan) will be supported by the Welsh Government's Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) and Delivering Transformation Grant (DTG). The ICF is awarded on a regional basis and is a key financial enabler for implementation of the SSWBWA. It will be recurring for the remainder of the current Welsh Assembly administration. From 2017-18 the DTG will transfer to the Revenue Support Grants and be allocated proportionately to each of the three local authorities in the region. The allocations will be pooled to support implementation of the RPB's priorities and outcomes of the Population Assessment. Regional governance mechanisms are in place to agree on deployment of both funding streams.

Local delivery of identified priorities will be supported where appropriate by Carmarthenshire County Council budgets.

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: **Martyn Palfreman**

**Head of Regional Collaboration**

**1.Scrutiny Committee** – The report was considered by a joint meeting of the Social Care & Health and Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

**2.Local Member(s)** - N/A

**3.Community / Town Council** - N/A

**4.Relevant Partners** - Via the Regional Partnership Board (RPB)

**5.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** - N/A

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information**

**List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
<b>Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act – Part 9 Statutory Guidance</b>	N/A	<a href="http://gov.wales/docs/dhss/publications/151218part9en.pdf">http://gov.wales/docs/dhss/publications/151218part9en.pdf</a>
<b>Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act – Part 2 Code of Practice</b>	N/A	<a href="http://gov.wales/docs/dhss/publications/151218part2en.pdf">http://gov.wales/docs/dhss/publications/151218part2en.pdf</a>