

EXECUTIVE BOARD

26TH FEBRUARY 2018

REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR POOLED FUNDS AND SERVICE INTEGRATION

Recommendations / key decisions required:

Members are invited to endorse, in-principle, the regional approach to:

- Pooled funds for adult care home placements;
- Pooled funds for Integrated Family Support Services; and
- Reviewing community equipment stores

Reasons:

To ensure obligations being met under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (SSWBA) in respect of pooled funding provisions.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted : YES

Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee to receive a verbal update on 24th January, 2018.

Exec Board Decision Required YES -26th February, 2018

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

Cllr. J. Tremlett (Social Care & Health Portfolio Holder)

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Background and Context

Under the 2014 Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act (SSWBA), councils and health boards have a statutory obligation to establish and maintain pooled fund arrangements in relation to:

- The exercise of their care home accommodation functions for adults (by 6 April 2018)
- The exercise of their family support functions
- Specified functions exercised jointly in response to Population Assessments, where such arrangements are considered appropriate

The West Wales Care Partnership established under Part 9 of the Act, has prioritised the establishment of pooled fund arrangements for older people's care home placements by the statutory deadline. This approach is consistent with elsewhere in Wales.

Further detail can be found in the appended report, but in summary:

Pooled funds for adult care home placements

Detailed work is progressing a regional approach to commissioning, including: the development of a single contract; further integration of arrangements on a Regional basis; and improving the consistency of operational procedures.

A virtual pooled fund will be established on a Regional basis for older adult placements, as a prelude to full pooling of funds.

Pooled funds for Integrated Family Support Services

Pooled fund arrangements for Integrated Family Support Teams are being developed, with implementation from April 2018. The commissioning of staff resources, associated budget hosting and co-ordination functions are to be undertaken by Ceredigion on behalf of Regional partners.

Reviewing community equipment stores

Work is underway to consider Integrated Community Equipment Store provision on a Regional basis. Initial research has led to the need to undertake a review, including an options appraisal exercise and the development of proposals for improving the consistency of approach across the Region.

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: Jake Morgan, Director of Communities

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

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The subject has significant implications in supporting policy intentions to more effectively integrate services across organisational remits. This is in keeping with policy commitments arising from the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (2015) and the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act (2014).

2. Legal

There are a range of legal issues, to include: responding to the statutory requirements in an appropriate and timely manner; and establishing proper governance arrangements and legal agreements.

3. Finance

Pooling of funds will require appropriate arrangements to ensure adequate control of budgets and suitable measures to protect the Authority in the event of overspends.

4. Risk Management Issues

Minimal risks are attached to the proposed virtual pooled fund arrangement for adult care home placements.

Risks relating to pooled fund arrangements for Integrated Family Support Teams will be mitigated through effective finance and governance arrangements. Risk magnitude is low due to the modest value of pooled budget.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Jake Morgan Director of Community Services

1. Scrutiny Committee – Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee to be consulted.

2. Local Member(s) - N/A

3. Community / Town Council – N/A

4. Relevant Partners - N/A

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
Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014		http://gov.wales/docs/dhss/publications/151218part9en.pdf