

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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**MID AND WEST WALES HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
COLLABORATIVE: UPDATE**

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1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

The report provides the Committee with an update on the activities and outcomes from the work of the Mid and West Wales Health and Social Care Collaborative (MWWHSCC) and advises on new regional partnership arrangements being established to meet the requirements of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014.

2. KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED, IF ANY

None.

3. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee notes the contents of the report.

4. REASON(S)

At its meeting on 22nd May 2015 the Committee unanimously resolved that a further update on the Mid and West Wales Health and Social Care Collaborative should be provided during 2015/16. This report provides the Committee with the requested update.

5. BACKGROUND AND EXPLANATION OF ISSUES

The MWWHSCC is one of 6 strategic partnerships in place across Wales, established to oversee the transformation and further integration of health, social care and wellbeing services and to coordinate readiness activity in relation to the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014. It spans the Hywel Dda and Powys LHB footprints and comprises senior representatives from the 4 local authorities, 2 LHBs, Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services (on behalf of the 3 CVCs in the Hywel Dda area), Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations and Care Forum Wales, representing care providers. Executive and non-executive/ political leadership is provided by a regional Leadership Board and Partnership Board respectively.

Along with the other regional collaboratives in Wales, the MWWHSCC was required to develop a Regional Implementation Plan for 2015-16 setting out its planned activities and anticipated outcomes. The Plan is appended to this report. Funding to support the regional implementation plans is available via the Welsh Government's Delivering Transformation Grant, Intermediate Care Fund and Regional Collaboration Fund.

Carmarthenshire County Council is the Lead Local Authority for the Collaborative, hosting a small coordinating unit and managing the regional grants.

The MWW Regional Implementation Plan was submitted to Welsh Government in September 2015. Delivery has been monitored by a series of regional programme boards, with exception reporting on progress to the Leadership Board and Partnership Forum. Key achievements to date include:

- External evaluation of Information, Advice and Assistance arrangements across the region and development of a regional delivery plan to drive the further enhancement of services
- Development of detailed practice guidance for assessment and care management, reflecting new duties within Parts 3 and 4 of the Act and provided for adoption by local agencies
- Delivery of a range of intermediate care services as part of the continued Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) programme (a separate report will be made to the Committee on the independent evaluation of selected initiatives within Carmarthenshire)
- Development of a preventative service model for adults in West Wales, building on the ICF-funded PIVOT initiative in Pembrokeshire
- Progress in the development of an implementation plan for the transformation of learning disability services based on the regional Statement of Intent
- Completion of regional Market Position Statements for older people and children's complex needs services
- External review of CYSUR, the regional children's safeguarding board, and establishment of a shadow adult safeguarding board
- Creation of a regional programme board for implementation of the Welsh Community Care Information Solution (WCCIS)
- Completion of a comprehensive 'readiness review' to inform new Part 9 partnership arrangements and the forward regional plan
- Implementation of awareness raising and core training modules on the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act
- Regional coordination of Welsh Government communications programme to support implementation of the Act

The Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act comes into force on 6 April 2016. Part 9 of the Act focuses on cooperation and partnership between local authorities, LHBs and other key partners. A core requirement under Part 9 is the creation of Regional Partnership Boards (RPBs) to drive partnership working. Separate arrangements will be required for each LHB area, meaning that a West Wales RPB will be established for the Hywel Dda LHB footprint and that the existing Mid and West Wales region will be dissolved. Shadow arrangements are in place and the inaugural meeting of the West Wales RPB will take place on 15 April 2016.

Statutory Guidance specifies minimal membership for RPBs, which must include Directors of Social Services in the region, at least one elected Member, executive and non-executive members of the LHB, user and carer representatives and nominated representatives from the

third and independent sectors. The full membership of the West Wales Board is currently being finalised.

The Act places specific statutory duties on the RPBs, including responding to the Population Assessment required under Part 14 of the Act, through which local authorities, LHBs and other partners will need to assess levels of need for care and support, the extent to which these are currently being met and the range of services required to meet identified need in the future. The Population Assessments will need to consider preventative as well as core services and be undertaken initially at local authority level, with findings aggregated into a regional Assessment. The first Assessment must be undertaken by April 2017 and the exercise will be repeated thereafter once every local government electoral cycle.

Other responsibilities of the RPBs will include:

- Ensuring the partnership bodies provide sufficient resources for the partnership arrangements in accordance with their powers under section 167 of the Act
- Promoting the establishment of pooled funds where appropriate
- Ensuring that services and resources are used in the most effective and efficient way to improve outcomes for people in their region
- Preparing an annual report for Welsh Ministers on the extent to which the board's objectives have been achieved
- Providing strategic leadership to ensure that information is shared and used effectively to improve the delivery of services, care and support, using technology and common systems to underpin this
- Prioritising the integration of services in relation to:
 - Older people with complex needs and long term conditions, including dementia
 - People with learning disabilities
 - Carers, including young carers
 - Integrated Family Support Services
 - Children with complex needs due to disability or illness
- Delivery of a pooled budget arrangement for care homes by April 2018

An early imperative for the West Wales RPB will be to establish robust links with new Public Service Boards in each local authority area, thereby facilitating strategic alignment between the corporate and health, social care and wellbeing agendas and joined up activity where appropriate, for example in relation to the Population Assessment and the Wellbeing Assessment required under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.