

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**SUBJECT:  
REGIONAL ADULT ADVOCACY STRATEGY**

**Purpose:**

To consider the Regional Adult Advocacy Strategy for West Wales (2023-2027).

**THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO:**

Endorse the strategy which seeks to shape the commissioning arrangements of Hywel Dda University Health Board, Carmarthenshire County Council, Ceredigion County Council and Pembrokeshire County Council in order to meet their statutory duties. However, more importantly it seeks to ensure that good quality advocacy is readily and equitably available to those who want, or need it, in the West Wales region of Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire.

**Reasons:**

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (SSWBA) requires Local Authorities to commission Independent Professional Advocacy and to promote access to a range of advocacy provision.

Advocacy has an important role to play in relation to voice and control and underpinning the wider requirements of the Act in terms of well-being, safeguarding and prevention. It can greatly assist people to express their views and make informed choices, thereby ensuring they have access to relevant services.

(Ref: Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act Advocacy Code of Practice p.2)

To formulate views for submission to the Cabinet for consideration.

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-**

Cllr Jane Tremlett (Health & Social Services Portfolio Holder)

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## REGIONAL ADULT ADVOCACY STRATEGY

### 1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of a new regional adult advocacy strategy that has been developed with stakeholders through the Advocacy Working Group (Membership includes 3 local authorities, Health board and third sector).

The draft Regional Adult Advocacy Strategy seeks to shape our commissioning arrangements to meet requirements to ensure good quality advocacy is readily and equitably available to those who want, or need it, in the West Wales region of Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire.

This strategy is based on an extended period of engagement with citizens, especially those who engage with health and social care services, advocacy organisations, health and social care practitioners, statutory commissioners and other relevant stakeholders.

This Adult Advocacy Strategy has five priority areas, all aimed at improving outcomes for people who need advocacy. The priorities have been defined in the light of co-productive activity to date, engagement, the Regional Population Assessment, and in response to legislative requirements. They include:

- Priority 1. Maintain and develop further our co-productive approach
- Priority 2 Raise awareness of, and understanding of, advocacy.
- Priority 3. Ensure advocacy is easily accessible and equitably available
- Priority 4. Ensure advocacy is of a consistently high standard of quality
- Priority 5. Maintain specialisms and non-statutory forms of advocacy

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**Yes**

- Our West Wales Adult Advocacy Strategy (2023-2027)

# 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: Chris Harrison

Head of Joint Strategic Commissioning

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

## 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Supports policy objectives in relation to the delivery of the Social Services & Wellbeing Act (2014). Advocacy is recognised, in all recent health and social care legislation, as being fundamentally important in situations within which individuals and marginalised groups need support to have their voices heard and their rights respected. Advocacy is designed and delivered to facilitate participation by individuals and groups within the decisions and processes that affect their lives.

The strategy supports equitable access of advocacy provision throughout West Wales.

## 2. Legal

The Social Services and well-being (Wales) Act 2014 provides the statutory framework for improving the well-being outcomes of adults and children who need care and support and carers who need support. It has a particular focus on voice and control so people have control over their own care and support and can make decisions about it as an equal partner.

The provision of Independent Professional Advocacy (IPA) is a legislative requirement under Part 10 of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act (SSWBA) 2014.

## 3. Finance

The resources to support Carmarthenshire commitment to this strategy will come from existing resources.

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| <b>CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO<br/>HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED<br/><br/>YES</b> | <b>Include any observations here</b> |
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**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:  
  
THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

| <b>Title of Document</b>  | <b>File Ref No.</b> | <b>Locations that the papers are available for public inspection</b>  |
|---|---------------------|---|
| Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014   |                     | <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2014/4/contents/Social%20Services%20and%20Well-being%20(Wales)%20Act%202014%20-%20Part%202%20Code%20of%20Practice%20(General%20Functions%20part-2-code-of-practice-general-functions.pdf">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2014/4/contents/Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 – Part 2 Code of Practice (General Functions part-2-code-of-practice-general-functions.pdf</a> (gov.wales)   |
| Part 10 Advocacy Code of Practice   |                     | <a href="https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-05/part-10-code-of-practice-advocacy.pdf">https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-05/part-10-code-of-practice-advocacy.pdf</a>   |
| Advocacy Charter  |                     | <a href="https://qualityadvocacy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Advocacy-Charter-A3.pdf">https://qualityadvocacy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Advocacy-Charter-A3.pdf</a>   |
| Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act (RISCA)  |                     | <a href="https://careinspectorate.wales/sites/default/files/2018-06/180606-risca-guide-en.pdf">https://careinspectorate.wales/sites/default/files/2018-06/180606-risca-guide-en.pdf</a>   |
| West Wales Population Needs Assessment  |                     | <a href="http://www.wwcp-data.org.uk/population-needs-assessment">www.wwcp-data.org.uk.population-needs-assessment</a>  |
| Welsh Language Measures   |                     | <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/1/contents?lang=enhttps://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/1/contents?lang=en">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/1/contents?lang=enhttps://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/1/contents?lang=en</a>   |
| National Outcomes Framework   |                     | <a href="https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-05/the-national-outcomes-framework-for-people-who-need-care-and-support-and-carers-who-need-support.pdf">https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-05/the-national-outcomes-framework-for-people-who-need-care-and-support-and-carers-who-need-support.pdf</a>   |
| The Well-Being of Future Generations Act  |                     | <a href="https://www.futuregenerations.wales/about-us/future-generations-act/">https://www.futuregenerations.wales/about-us/future-generations-act/</a>   |
| Statistical Focus in Rural Wales  |                     | <a href="https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/statistics-and-research/2018-12/080515-statistical-focus-rural-wales-08-en.pdf">https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/statistics-and-research/2018-12/080515-statistical-focus-rural-wales-08-en.pdf</a>   |
| IMHA Code of Practice(incorporated into Mental Health(Wales) Act Code of Practice Chapter 6)                              |                     | <a href="https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-03/mental-health-act-1983-code-of-practice-mental-health-act-1983-for-wales-review-revised-2016.pdf#:~:text=The%20Mental%20Health%20Act%201983%20Code%20of%20Practice,being%20laid%20before%20the%20National%20Assembly%20for%20Wales.">https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-03/mental-health-act-1983-code-of-practice-mental-health-act-1983-for-wales-review-revised-2016.pdf#:~:text=The%20Mental%20Health%20Act%201983%20Code%20of%20Practice,being%20laid%20before%20the%20National%20Assembly%20for%20Wales.</a> |
| Code of Practice (incorporated into the Mental Capacity (Wales)Act Code of Practice chapter 10)                           |                     | <a href="http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/744/Code%20of%20Practice%20E.pdf">http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/744/Code%20of%20Practice%20E.pdf</a>   |
| Planning, Commissioning and Co-production, Care Council for Wales   |                     | <a href="https://socialcare.wales/cms_assets/hub-downloads/Planning_and_Commissioning_Resource_Guide_-_January_17.pdf">https://socialcare.wales/cms_assets/hub-downloads/Planning_and_Commissioning_Resource_Guide_-_January_17.pdf</a>   |
| GTAP Commissioning Independent Professional Advocacy for Adults under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 |                     | <a href="https://www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-cymru/documents/golden-thread-advocacy-programme/programme-documents/commissioning-ipa-framework-english-oct-19.pdf">https://www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-cymru/documents/golden-thread-advocacy-programme/programme-documents/commissioning-ipa-framework-english-oct-19.pdf</a>   |
| West Wales Area Plan 2018-23  |                     | <a href="http://www.wwcp.org.uk">www.wwcp.org.uk</a> > <a href="#">west-wales-area-plan</a>   |