

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25TH JANUARY, 2024

SUBJECT:

INTEGRATION IN CARMARTHENSHIRE – POSITION UPDATE ON DELIVERY AGAINST PRIORITIES

Purpose:

To provide an update to Scrutiny Committee on the Integration of Health and Social Care in Carmarthenshire.

THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO:-

Review and assess the update report and provide any recommendations, comments, or advice.

Reason(s)

The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee has requested an update on Integration of Health & Social Care in Carmarthenshire

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

Cllr Jane Tremlett, Cabinet Member for Health & Social Services

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTEGRATION IN CARMARTHENSHIRE: POSITION UPDATE ON DELIVERY AGAINST PRIORITIES

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

This paper provides members of the Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee with a position statement on Integration of Health & Social Care in Carmarthenshire and specifically, an update with regards to specific priorities which were set out in order to deliver on a community care system for Carmarthenshire.

Following a presentation to Scrutiny Committee at its June 2023 meeting, members agreed to support the below:

To develop a plan (building on a range of initiatives including 'Home First' and a range of 'step up' and 'step down' care options) that sets out a model for community health and care provision for older adults and adults with physical disabilities that allows them to remain well and independent in their own home and community (including safe alternatives to hospital admission or extended stay). This model will include the provision of beds, equipment and functional aids, therapies, social care, clinical care and support to meet the complex needs of our frail and elderly people both now and in the future.

It was agreed that the plan must address the complex and multiple needs of people rather than the capabilities of the current provider landscape. It must consider both immediate impacts that changes can make as well as setting out a model to meet medium and long term demand of the frail and elderly.

1.1 **Priorities that were agreed during 2023**

Following presentations of the plan to further Integration and develop a Community Care Integrated System for Carmarthenshire, the following priorities were endorsed by scrutiny committee, full council & both CEO's of Carmarthenshire County Council & Hywel Dda UHB:

1. Development of a single point of access for Home First for all people & 24/7
2. Integration of Home First with GP out of hours/ Primary Care
3. Expansion of Integrated Reablement
4. Expansion of Delta Response to support GP Out of Hours & WAST
5. Repurpose Community Hospitals to support Home First (TPP model)
6. Re-design of an LA Care Home for short term use
7. Future state long term complex 24/7 options appraisal & implementation of the complex care model
8. Pooled Funds options appraisal / governance arrangements/ implementation

This paper will focus on progress against the above priorities and cover some of the performance metrics that are being monitored in order to know whether the initiatives being implemented are making a difference to people and also to both the Health Board and Local Authority.

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: **Joanna Jones**

Head of Integrated Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
YES	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Furthering the development of Integration in Carmarthenshire seeks to implement Delivering 'Home First' was a strategy set out by the Welsh Government in May (2021) to deliver a component of the 'A Healthier Wales: Our Plan for Health and Social Care" (2018) which outlines a shift from the reliance on traditional hospital services to a seamless approach of integrated care between health, Social Care and third sector services to deliver care closer to home. Cultivating the mindset of "*Home today, if not, why not, and when*" which can be applied with the person in their home and in hospital.

This policy direction also re-affirmed the commitment made in the Social Services & Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 that puts people at the heart of service delivery & to ensure a preventative approach to minimise escalation of needs.

2 Legal

There is an existing s.33 overarching agreement in place between Carmarthenshire County Council & Hywel Dda UHB that puts the governance around integration arrangements in place. This agreement was developed in 2011. The current s.33 is extant and is currently under review. This includes the development of detailed schedules within to outline service delivery responsibilities within each pathway of care.

3. Finance

Existing Integration arrangements, which include joint management posts and front line staffing, are funded through a mix of core Local Authority & Health Board core funding, Regional Investment Funding (RIF) , GP cluster funding, Transforming Urgent & Emergency Care (TUEC) Funds from the Health Board and more recently, Further Faster funding from WG.

It should be noted however that there is a significant level of short term funding supporting delivery of what has become core frontline services within Integrated Services, this is a big risk to further progression of our model.

A review of all short term funding has been requested by the Head of Integrated Services to ascertain the level of risk across the Integrated Care System.

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**
YES

Include any observations here

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
Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee Report & Presentation – 7th June, 2023 – Health & Care System for West Wales: How Far, How Fast?		Summary.pdf (gov.wales) Integrated Community Care Service: Five Priority Population Groups (gov.wales)